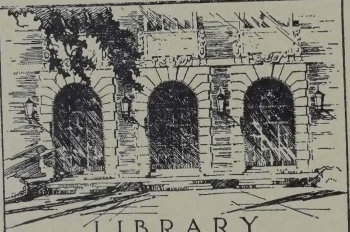

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

On July 5th, 1946, in the Blue Room of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Winnipeg, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met in Special Communication for the purpose of installing R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1) as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was opened at 7.45 p.m. in Ample Form with thirty members present: The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Maurice S. Donovan presiding:

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (113), Brandon	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), Winnipeg	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Roland	Senior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. Sam. Burland (12), St. Vital	as Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), Winnipeg	Grand Secretary
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R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms (117), Souris	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93), Winnipeg	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell (114), Winnipeg	as Junior Grand Deacon
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg	as Senior Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. David Griffiths (138), St. Vital	as Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4), Winnipeg	Grand Tyler

Notice calling this Emergent Meeting of Grand Lodge was read.

Regrets for absence were received from the following:

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt
M.W. Bro. N. J. Black
R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman
R.W. Bro. David MacKay
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R.W. Bro. A. Clark

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, then called upon M.W. Bro. Harry Woods to install R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington as Junior Grand Warden.

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington was presented at the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes and was duly installed in his Office. R.W. Bro. Coddington thanked the brethren for the expression of their confidence in him, and expressed his determination to give his best to the discharge of the important duties and responsibilities pertaining to his office.

The Grand Lodge was then closed at 8.05 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms.

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SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

In the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday the fourth day of June, 1947, and within the Oak Room of the Royal Alexandra Hotel, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met in the Seventy-Second Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice Stanton Donovan. The Invocation was given by M.W. Brother Harry Woods as Acting Grand Chaplain, in the absence of the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Brother Rev. E. A. Syms, who was ill.

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		W. Bro. H. M. Mayhew
		W. Bro. S. G. Sinclair

LANSDOWNE LODGE No. 107:

W. Bro. B. Goldenberg	M.	R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie
		W. Bro. W. D. Griggs
		W. Bro. R. A. Hawley

UNION LODGE No. 108:

W. Bro. J. L. Black	M.	R.W. Bro. J. P. Lawrie
Bro. L. L. Mikkelson	J.W.	R.W. Bro. E. A. Newcomb
		W. Bro. C. F. L. McLeod
		W. Bro. L. L. Mikkelson

SWAN LAKE LODGE No. 109:

W. Bro. W. Livingston	M.	W. Bro. O. W. Couch
Bro. J. H. Schenk	S.W.	W. Bro. H. I. Skinner

KILWINNING LODGE NO. 110:

Bro. H. V. Popple	S.W.	W. Bro. W. H. Cotter
Bro. W. E. Fleming	J.W.	

ACACIA LODGE NO. 111:

W. Bro. R. Sharp	M.	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
Bro. A. C. Slessor	S.W.	W. Bro. T. S. Copland
Bro. H. Purton	J.W.	W. Bro. W. S. Corbett
		W. Bro. J. R. Gray
		W. Bro. A. Kimberley
		W. Bro. Chas. Ross
		W. Bro. A. Russell
		W. Bro. C. C. J. Sanderson
		W. Bro. W. Speirs
		W. Bro. J. R. Torbet

OPHIR LODGE NO. 112:

W. Bro. E. H. Gretzinger	M.	W. Bro. B. Warkentin

TWEED LODGE NO. 113:

W. Bro. H. S. Perdue	M.	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Bro. W. D. Gall	S.W.	R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr
		R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh

V.W. Bro. R. H. Cross
W. Bro. E. Braun
W. Bro. H. M, Gibson
W. Bro. D. H. Taylor
W. Bro. F. R. Willmott

"THE ASSINIBOINE" LODGE NO. 114:

W. Bro. Wm. Fraser ...... M.
Bro. D. L. McLean .... J.W.

M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt
R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan
R.W. Bro. G. G. White
V.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell
V.W. Bro. P. M. Johnston
W. Bro. W. S. Archibald
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
W. Bro. J. W. Hall
W. Bro. N. M. Hall
W. Bro. W. B. Johnston
W. Bro. H. Y. Knox
W. Bro. O. E. MacQuoid

RIVERS LODGE NO. 115:

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE No. 116:

W. Bro. H. G. Turner ...... M.

W. Bro. W. A. Mackie
W. Bro. G. W. Wells

STRATHCONA LODGE No. 117:

W. Bro. R. D. Saunders .... M.

R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
W. Bro. M. E. Graham
W. Bro. N. Madsen

MOUND LODGE No. 118:

W. Bro. R. A. Creith ...... M.
Bro. L. R. McKay ..... S.W.

NORWOOD LODGE No. 119:

W. Bro. L. T. Force .... M.
Bro. E. H. Pascoe ...... S.W.
Bro. David Milne ...... J.W.

R.W. Bro. F. W. Goodeve
V.W. Bro. T. G. Beatson
V.W. Bro. N. McDonald
V.W. Bro. S. C. Taylor
W. Bro. W. J. Besant
W. Bro. J. V. Dillabough
W. Bro. J. H. Gibson
W. Bro. L. J. Green
W. Bro. J. Kellar
W. Bro. W. A. Kerby
W. Bro. R. A. MacDonald
W. Bro. F. McKenzie
W. Bro. W. M. MacKenzie
W. Bro. E. P. Parkinson

W. Bro. G. H. Ross
W. Bro. J. A. Tickner
W. Bro. A. Tisdale
W. Bro. J. S. Torell

PENZA LODGE No. 120:

W. Bro. Hector Spence ..... M.
Bro. J. F. Wallace ..... S.W.
Bro. R. W. Witty ...... J.W.

R.W. Bro. J. A. McVicar
W. Bro. A. S. Calder
W. Bro. W. W. Casson
W. Bro. H .W. Davison
W. Bro. A. G. Froom
W. Bro. J. R. Witty

ST. JAMES LODGE No. 121:

W. Bro. A. R. James ...... M.
Bro. G. Wilson Rattray S.W.

W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
W. Bro. Thos. King
W. Bro. W. S. Marley
W. Bro. F. W. Piper
W. Bro. D. Stringer
W. Bro. J. Wylie

ROBLIN LODGE No. 122:

R.W. Bro. I. L. Mitchell

TRANSCONA LODGE No. 123:

W. Bro. E. A. Badke .... M.
Bro. E. E. Buckby ..... S.W.

R.W. Bro. M. MacKay
W. Bro. J. M. Black
W. Bro. M. Cochran
W. Bro. T. D. Conlin
W. Bro. R. T. Esselmont
W. Bro. T. R. Evans
W. Bro. J. Fowlis
W. Bro. L. E. Gendron
W. Bro. A. W. Harvey
W. Bro. W. R. Lawrie
W. Bro. R. J. MacKay
W. Bro. Jas. Taggart
W. Bro. H. J. Thompson

THE PAS LODGE No. 124:

W. Bro. A. L. Jacobs .... M.

R.W. Bro. H. J. Aitchison

PATRICIA LODGE No. 125:

W. Bro. W. Peckover .... M.

R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh
W. Bro. J. L. Hamilton
W. Bro. P. R. Jeske
W. Bro. Geo. Wallace

FAVEL LODGE No. 126:

W. Bro. H. Clee .... M.

W. Bro. J. F. Johnston
W. Bro. W. C. Watson

EMPIRE LODGE No. 127:

W. Bro. S. McGowan........M.
Bro. Geo. Smith ......S.W.
Bro. J. McGowan......J.W.

R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
W. Bro. W. Campbell
W. Bro. E. Johnston
W. Bro. H. F. Rees
W. Bro. Alex. Sinclair
W. Bro. F. Williamson
W. Bro. J. N. G. Wyatt

VICTORY LODGE No. 128:

W. Bro. W. G. Winslow.....M.
Bro. W. J. Hawkins ...S.W.

W. Bro. C. F. Drager

FORT GARRY LODGE No. 130:

W. Bro. A. C. Fitch.........M.
Bro. L. J. Hogg ......S.W.
Bro. Gordon McKenzie J.W.

R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon
W. Bro. T. Gilchrist
W. Bro. J. S. Miller
W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
W. Bro. J. W. Wilson

KILDONAN LODGE No. 131:

W. Bro. E. F. Aldiss........M.
Bro. P. V. Samson.....S.W.
Bro. D. Carnegie ......J.W.

V.W. Bro. C. J. Nicholson
W. Bro. L. G. Barnes
W. Bro. A. H. Brotheridge
W. Bro. T. B. Francis
W. Bro. Wm. Inglis
W. Bro. W. R. Morrison
W. Bro. C. M. Smillie
W. Bro. W. Thompson

SPRAGUE LODGE No. 132:

W. Bro. W. McCarthy

McCREARY LODGE No. 133:

W. Bro. Joe Allan ....M.

STONY MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 134:

W. Bro. R. F. Green........M.
Bro. Thos. Hartley ....S.W.

R.W. Bro. W. H. French
W. Bro. C. H. W. Elwell
W. Bro. C. H. French
W. Bro. H. Lusignon
W. Bro. F. Pollock
W. Bro. W. G Robertson
W. Bro. R. L. Walker

CAPITOL LODGE No. 136:

Bro. J. P. Edgar..........J.W.

R.W. Bro. M. H. Garton
R.W. Bro. G. E. Miles
W. Bro. J. A. McIlvride

W. Bro. Robt. Mitchell
W. Bro. S. H. Stevens
W. Bro. W. H. Webb
W. Bro. Thos. Wilson

LORD SELKIRK LODGE No. 137:

W. Bro. W. Hutchison ...... M.
Bro. T. A. McMaster ... S.W
Bro. F. W. Sneesby .... J.W.

R.W. Bro. G. R Mackay
W. Bro. Robt. Aikman
W. Bro. Robt. Bonnett
W. Bro. R. A. Bruce
W. Bro. J. Elder
W. Bro. A. Huddlestone
W. Bro. Wm. A. Sime

WINDSOR LODGE No. 138:

W. Bro. W. E. Munn .... M.
Bro. P. T. Houston .... S.W.
Bro. J. F. Orr .... J.W.

R W. Bro. H. B Donnelly
R.W. Bro. Dave. Griffith
V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure
W. Bro. T. C. Forbes
W. Bro. C. Gamble
W. Bro. A. J. Horton
W. Bro. R. McClure

BEAVER LODGE No. 139:

W. Bro. W. F. Mackenzie .. M.
Bro. C. J. Timleck ..... S.W.

V.W. Bro. W. Lawson
V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
W. Bro. F. H. Herbert
W. Bro. M. MacLean
W. Bro. John P. Mowat
W. Bro. A. W. Phelps
W. Bro. H. S. J. Rogers
W. Bro. A. Wharton

MERIDIAN LODGE No. 140:

W. Bro. Geo. Kerslake .... M.
Bro. J. M. Ross .... S.W.
Bro. A. C. Cabel .... J.W.

M.W. Bro. John T. B. Boyd
R.W. Bro. Dave MacKay
R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie
W. Bro. W. D. Harper
W. Bro. W. G. Kelsey
W. Bro. Dave King
W. Bro. A. J. MacIver
W. Bro. David Milliken
W. Bro. Jas. Mowat
W. Bro. M. A. Woods
W. Bro. A. A. Reid

TUSCAN LODGE No. 141:

W. Bro. N. C. Law .... M.
Bro. H. E. Harris ...... S.W.
Bro. David Rothstein .. J.W.

R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray
V.W. Bro. N. Rothstein
W. Bro. T. Crossley
W. Bro. A. R. Simpson

HARMONY LODGE No. 142:

MT. SINAI LODGE No. 143:

W. Bro. T. J. Serebrin ..... M.
Bro. I. Zipursky ...... S.W.
Bro. H. Haid .... J.W.

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
W. Bro. A. J. Blond
W. Bro. F. B. Dubinsky
W. Bro. J. Fred
W. Bro. S. Golden
W. Bro. H. H. Guttman
W. Bro. I. Guttman
W. Bro. Earo Haid
W. Bro. H. A. Kaplan
W. Bro. W. Leonoff
W. Bro. H. J. Nusgart
W. Bro. M. Rosenstock
W. Bro. L. A. Seipp
W. Bro. N. Waldman
W. Bro. A. E. Weidman

FORT OSBORNE LODGE No. 144:

W. Bro. F. W. Woodward ... M.
Bro. M. A. McIver ..... S.W.

W. Bro. E. D. Chable
W. Bro. J. R. Glenn

STURGEON CREEK LODGE No. 145:

W. Bro. A. R. Piper .... M.
Bro. N. Pearson ...... S.W.
Bro. H. S. Simpson .... J.W.

W. Bro. D. A. Best
W. Bro. L. D. Bester
W. Bro. E. W. Browne
W. Bro. H. F. Giller
W. Bro. W. F. Kerby

FIDELITY LODGE No. 146:

W. Bro. W. W. Pile .... M.

R.W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair
W. Bro. N. B. MacTaggart
W. Bro. S. C. Swanton
W. Bro. F. H. Williams

JUBILEE LODGE No. 147:

R.W. Bro. W. J. Brown
W. Bro. H. A. Caughlin

SEVEN OAKS LODGE No. 148:

Bro. Geo. Milne ..... S.W.
Bro. W. J. T. Pearce ... J.W.

W. Bro. S. V. Basley
W. Bro. A. Collicutt
W. Bro. Jas. Love
W. Bro. E. J. Scott
W. Bro. J. Woodmass

CARTWRIGHT LODGE No. 150:

W. Bro. Cecil I. Day .... M.

THE DORMER LODGE No. 151:

W. Bro. E. Melhuish .... M.
Bro. A. C. Keel .... J.W.
R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross
R.W. Bro. Harry Sherstone
W. Bro. G. H. Ball
W. Bro. S. R. Bird
W. Bro. C. H. Wells

FOXWAREN LODGE No. 152:

Bro. J. M. Murchison .. S.W.
Bro. W. Lougheed .... J.W.

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153:

W. Bro. Fraser Cowie ...... M.
Bro. J. Greenberg .... S.W.
V.W. Bro. S. E. T. Dodd

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154:

W. Bro. B. H. Campbell..... M.
Bro. W. M. Lauchlan .. S.W.
W. Bro. W. B. Dimock
W. Bro. J. J. Jackson
W. Bro. G. A. Stewart

CARMAN LODGE No. 155:

W. Bro. Louis Sures .... M.
Bro. N. B. Refvik ..... S.W.
R.W. Bro. Jos. Millroy
W. Bro. G. W. Weaver
W. Bro. A. E. Shewfelt

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156:

W. Bro. T. Moorbey .... M.
W. Bro. David Ferguson
W. Bro. A. J. Walkin

Honorary Members:

M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson
M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton
M.W. Bro. Harry W. Gill
M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Holman
M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson
M.W. Bro. George Moore
M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford
M.W. Bro. John A. Stormon
M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz
M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Tate

Visitors:

M.W. Bro. Theo. N. Engdahl
M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink
M.W. Bro. Art. D. Cummings
M.W. Bro. Carsten L. Jacobson
R.W. Bro. W. J. Hunter
R.W. Bro. Wm. B. Congdon
R.W. Bro. C. S. Elliott

R.W. Bro. C. M. Parker
R.W. Bro. J. B. Tomhave
V.W. Bro. C. N. Norton
W. Bro. G. Stamson
W. Bro. J. J. Ballentine
W. Bro. G. D. Watson

All Master Masons desiring to enter Grand Lodge were then admitted and assigned to special seating accommodation to the rear of the Senior Grand Warden.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

Moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), that the regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge be adopted as printed. Carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly (138), that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, having been printed in the Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed. Carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for the Grand Lodge Offices, the Board of General Purposes and District Deputy Grand Masters:

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Shiloh Lodge No. 70.

Senior Grand Warden:
Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Junior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.
R.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.
R.W. Bro. Edward J. Smillie. Elgin Lodge No. 86.

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Secretary:
M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Grand Chaplain:
R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms, Strathcona Lodge No. 117.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Librarian:
M.W. Bro. George Hunter, Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District:
W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue, Ionic Lodge No. 25.
W. Bro. Frank Davey, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
W. Bro. John R. Gray, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
W. Bro. James V. Dillabough, Norwood Lodge No. 119.

Second Masonic District:
W. Bro. Robert J. Wallace, Gothic Lodge No. 75.

Third Masonic District:
W. Bro. Jas. H. Hamilton, Glenboro Lodge No. 48.

Fourth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Henry R. Lawson, Manitou Lodge No. 30.

Fifth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Edwin H. Clark, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14.

Sixth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Harry L. Morrow, Oriental Lodge No. 54.

Seventh Masonic District:
W. Bro. Jas. W. Broatch, Brandon Lodge No. 19.
V.W. Bro. Russel J. Timms, Lebanon Lodge No. 43.

Eighth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Wm. W. Casson, Penza Lodge No. 120.

Ninth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Charles F. Drager, Victory Lodge No. 128.

Tenth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Lewis E. Gendron, Transcona Lodge No. 123.
W. Bro. David Ferguson, Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156.

Twelfth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Wm. F. Kerby, Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145,

Board of General Purposes:
W. Bro. Harry J. Harrod, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
W. Bro. John W. Tackaberry, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters, Ionic Lodge No. 25.
R.W. Bro. A. E. Thompson, Glenboro Lodge No. 48.
R.W. Bro. John Bate, Killarney Lodge No. 50.
V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
R.W. Bro. Geo. V. Henderson, Strathclair Lodge No. 106.
R.W. Bro. Chas. A. Midwinter, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
R.W. Bro. W. Albert Prugh, Tweed Lodge No. 113.
V.W. Bro. Sydney W. Robertson, Beaver Lodge No. 139.
R.W. Bro. David MacKay, Meridian Lodge No 140.
R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray, Tuscan Lodge No. 141.
W. Bro. A. E. Weidmann, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.
R.W. Bro. Robert W. Ross, The Dormer Lodge No. 151,

CORRESPONDENCE

Regrets for absence were received from the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black.
M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins
R.W. Bro. A. E. Syms.
R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross.
W. Bro. A. J. Wright.

Also from:

M.W. Bro. Sam. Harris, Alberta.
M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis, Alberta.
M.W. Bro,. K. K. Reid, Grand Master, British Columbia.
M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, Grand Secretary. British Columbia.
M.W. Bro. S. A. Erickson, Minnesota.
M.W. Bro. Vernon Gates, Minnesota.
M.W. Bro. G. H. Nordbye, Minnesota.
M.W. Bro. Mark I. Forkner, North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, N. Dakota.
M.W. Bro. C. S. Hamilton, Grand Master, Ontario.
R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Grand Secretary, Ontario.
R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, Saskatchewan.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

On behalf of the Board of General Purposes I beg to submit the following summary of the business transacted by the Board since the last Regular Communication of Grand Lodge.

MEETING OF JUNE 6th, 1946

32 Members Present

The inaugural meeting of the Board was held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge. By virtue of office, R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly became Chairman of the Board, and R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald was elected Vice-chairman.

The following Committee to strike Standing Committees was selected:

M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Chairman
M.W. Bro. S. Burland
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
M.W. Bro. G. Hunter
M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker

Congratulations were extended to W. Bro. A. E. Boyle on his completion of thirty years continuous service on the Board.

MEETING OF JULY 5th, 1946

24 Members Present

The Vice-president presided. The Committee to strike Standing Committees presented its report. The report was adopted with one amendment.

The matter of paying the expenses of out of town members of the Board when attending meetings of the Board was referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

Sale of Grand Lodge property situated at 299 Waverley street, for the sum of $9000.00 was authorized.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20th, 1946

27 Members Present

The President presided. Several Standing Committees presented interim reports.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee authority was given to proceed with the proposed alterations in the Grand Secretary's Office and Store Room.

The Grand Master reviewed the meeting of the Western Conference at Banff on September 5th, 6th and 7th. Besides delegates from the four Western Jurisdictions, visitors from five Grand Jurisdictions in United States, and from Ontario, were present. The Manitoba delegation consisted of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, and the Grand Secretary. Interesting and helpful discussions took place on a number of matters that directly affect the individual Lodges. The papers presented were well prepared, and the topics dealt with were thoroughly discussed. He commended the Conference as being most useful and gave a very favorable report of the delegation from Manitoba.

Commission was received for R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower of Wawanesa Lodge No. 67 as Representative of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland near our Grand Lodge, carrying with it the honorary rank of Senior Grand Warden.

The President was instructed to appoint a committee to review the various forms used by Grand Lodge and report to the Board.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15th, 1946

25 Members Present

The President presided. The Grand Secretary reported that after reviewing the proceedings of the 1946 Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries held at Washingtan, he felt that the value of this Conference to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was not commensurate with the expense involved in sending delegates.

The Finance Committee reported that the recommendation of Grand Lodge regarding separate bank accounts for the Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund of Grand Lodge was being carried out.

The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Revision informed the Board that the Committee was making a constant study of the Constitution, and asked the members of the Board to send in suggestions that might be considered by the Committee.

The Committee on the Revision of Forms presented its report. With some slight changes revised forms as presented were approved, with the exception of Forms 4a and 5a, which were referred back to the Committee. Form 21 was referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

A request from Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 on the matter of procedure in closing the Lodge where no work was done in the Fellow Craft or Master Mason Degree, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

The matter of a Lodge dispensing with the reading of the minutes in open Lodge, and receiving instead a recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes that they be accepted, was also referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14th, 1947

20 Members Present

The President presided.

This was a special meeting to deal with the matter of the proposed All Canada Conference to be held at Montebello, Quebec.

The Board authorized the attendance of three delegates from Manitoba at this Conference, the expenses of these delegates not to exceed $500.00. Delegates selected were The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, with the Senior Grand Warden as alternate delegate.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21st, 1947

20 Members Present

The Vice-president presided, and M.W. Bro. H. Woods acted as Secretary.

Forms 4a and 5a which had been referred back to the Committee on Revision of Forms for further consideration were accepted as revised.

It was recommended that a circular letter be sent to all Lodges stating the opinion of the Board that Lodge minutes should be read in open Lodge at the next Regular meeting.

A recommendation from R.W. Bro. Duthie, D.D.G.M., of the the Sixth Masonic District that Kilwinning Lodge No. 110 be granted a Dispensation to occupy their new Lodge Hall permanently was accepted by the Board.

Correspondence concerning the new Lodge Hall of Lansdowne Lodge No. 107 was read, and the D.G.G.M. of the Seventh Masonic District was asked to secure further information.

The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry recommended:

1. That the sum of $1,112.00 be budgeted for in the 1947 budgt to pay expenses incurred in attending the four meetings of the Board, of eight elected members and the nine out-of-town D.D.G.M.'s.

2. That the sum of $500.00 be also budgeted for the use of the Grand Master in paying the expenses of such brethren as he may invite to accompany him on his visits within this Grand Jurisdiction.

These recommendations were approved.

Authority was given to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to execute a transfer of the property at 191 Ethelbert street to the purchaser.

R.W. Bro. McMorran was asked to see that R.W. Bro. Syms, Grand Chaplain, be looked after during the time he was in the hospital for an operation.

MEETING OF FRIDAY, APRIL 18th

32 Members Present

The President presided. Letter from McCreary Lodge No. 133 giving information as to the arrangements for a Loan to the Lodge, and enclosing a rough plan of their new building, was read. The Board approved the arrangements for the Loan, and gave permission to the Lodge to meet in the new Lodge Room for the next three months pending a full report from the D.D.G.M. of the District, and complete information as to the financial set-up.

Request from The Pas Lodge No. 124 to hold a meeting for Masonic purposes at Sherridon was presented. The Grand Secretary was instructed to secure further information as to the building in which the proposed meeting was to be held.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals reported that the proposed Amendments to the Constitution were in order.

Arrangements for the Area meetings as reported by the Committee on Research and Education were approved.

The Committee on Investments reported the purchase of bonds to the amount of $20,000.00.

The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary gave reports on the All Canada Conference held at

Montebello, Quebec, on February 24th and 25th. Thirty-two delegates were present from all the Grand Jurisdictions of Canada, and from the two District Grand Lodges of Newfoundland. The Conference was called to promote better understanding among the Jurisdictions of British North America, to recognize and discuss common problems, and to help develop a stronger sense of brotherhood among Freemasons of Canada. It did not propose or attempt to legislate or make decisions for any of the Grand Lodges. In the opinion of those who attended, the Conference achieved its purpose. The exchange of ideas, and the friendships formed, will be most valuable. Plans have been made, subject to the approval of the individual Grand Lodges, to hold another such Conference in two year's time.

M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker, Chairman of the War Effort Committee recommended:

"That all monies at the credit of the War Relief Fund be transferred to a special Trust Account in the name of Grand Lodge, to be known as the 'War Relief Trust Fund Account,' and that all necessary steps be taken to bring about the cancellation of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. War Effort Fund," under the War Charities Act. The Recommendation was accepted.

M.W. Bro. G. Hunter spoke of the valuable service rendered to the Board during the last thirteen years by R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green. He moved, seconded by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, "That under the provisions of the Constitution, Section 55, R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green be recommended to the Grand Lodge for appointment as an honorary member of the Board of General Purposes." This motion was carried with enthusiasm.

Petition for the formation of a new Lodge at the town of Bissett, in proper form, was presented to the Board. The Petition was sponsored by Pine Falls Lodge No. 154. The Lodge would work under the Canadian Rite, meeting on the First Friday of each month. The Petition was recommended for approval by the Grand Master.

Tenders for printing the annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and action.

MEETING OF JUNE 4th, 1947

The President presided. At this meeting the Board received the reports of the Standing Committees of the Board, and approved them for presentation to Grand Lodge.

Request from Deloraine Lodge No. 40 for approval of the plans for their new Temple, and of arrangements made for a loan of $5,000.00 was presented. This was accompanied by a statement form the D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District that the building would be suitable for Masonic purposes. The Board granted its approval

Permission was given to St. John's Lodge No. 4 to sell certain property.

The Board recommended that Grand Lodge authorize the participation of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in the All Canada Masonic Conference as a permanent member.

The Board approved the appointment by the Grand Master of a Committee to work with the Grand Secretary in editing the new edition of the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes has given careful attention to all business brought before it, and has maintained close oversight of all matters pertaining to the Grand Lodge. The average attendance at all meetings was 26.

Fraternally submitted,

H. B. DONNELLY,
President.

Presented by R.W. Brother H. B. Donnelly (138) who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70). Carried.

RESOLUTION RE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES—

R.W. BRO. S. HART GREEN

Moved by R.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly (138), seconded by R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald (70), that, in view of more than ten years of continuous membership on the Board of General Purposes, and in recognition of outstanding service as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, this Grand Lodge confer on R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green Honorary Membership on our Board of General Purposes.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO R.W. BROTHER HUGH M. KERR

Moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93), that this Grand Lodge express its appreciation of the diligent and assiduous work of R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), as Chairman and sole member of the Committee on Correspondence. R.W. Bro. Kerr reviews the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions and presents a most interesting report, which appears in our Proceedings each year. Anyone who reads his report will know that he merits the thanks of this Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION RE "ALL-CANADA" CONFERENCE

Moved by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93), that the recommendation from the Board of General Purposes, that this Grand Lodge become a permanent member of the All-Canada Conference be approved. Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Herewith, I beg to submit to you the Seventy-Second Annual Report of the Grand Secretary for the year ending March 31st, 1947.

Copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Communication held on June 5th and 6th, 1946, were mailed to the 103 Constituent Lodges, to the members of the Board of General Purposes, and to the Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal relationships. Many of these Grand Lodges have reciprocated by sending one or more copies of their proceedings to us and these have been suitably acknowledged in each case.

The usual Warning Circulars were prepared and mailed, as were also official Notices found necessary to be sent to the Constitutent Lodges during the year.

Certificates for Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Master Masons, Life Members and Honorary Members, have been prepared and presented to the appropriate individuals or forwarded to the Lodges concerned.

The half-yearly returns covering the activities of the several Constituent Lodges for the calendar year 1946, were duly received. These were all in the Grand Secretary's office before March 1st, 1947. This is a record in the history of our Grand Lodge and this splendid co-operation on the part of lodge secretaries is greatly appreciated and commended. These returns show a gross increase in membership of 1,145; while losses through demits, suspensions and deaths amounted to 397, making the net gain 748. The following is the summary of membership:

	1944	1945	1946	
Membership as at January 1st, 1946				11,050 (11,068)
Additions:				
Initiations	619	699	901	
Re-Instated	80	88	74	
Affiliations	131	99	170	
	830	886	1,145	
Removals:				
By Demit	116	140	181	
By Suspensions—N.P.D.	53	50	27	
By Suspensions—U.M.C.	0	0	1	
By Deaths	212	184	188	
	381	374	397	
Net Increase	449	512	748	
				748
Membership as at December 31st, 1946				11,798

Degrees conferred during the year 1946:

	1944	1945	1946
Entered Apprentice	619	699	901
Fellow-Craft	502	639	940
Master Mason	535	627	869
Totals	1656	1965	2710

In addition to the foregoing, many courtesy degrees were conferred on brethren of other Grand Jurisdictions by our Constituent lodges, as well as degrees by sister jurisdictions on brethren of this jurisdiction. It has been a pleasure to arrange these courtesies through the Grand Secretaries. Not a Grand Jurisdiction in Canada that is not on our files of correspondence in this connection. We express our thanks for the wholehearted co-operation of the Grand Secretaries and their various lodges that have been so willing to extend these courtesies.

18 Lodges have errors in their returns of membership.
13 are short a total of 27.

5 are over a total of 8.

82 Lodges have no suspensions as against 78 in 1945 and 77 in 1944.

92 Lodges show an increase in membership as against 82 in 1945 and 79 in 1944.

2 Lodges show no gain in membership as against 6 in 1945 and 8 in 1944.

9 Lodges show increase or decrease in membership as against 15 in 1945 and 17 in 1944.

2 Lodges had no initiations.

Further facts may be gathered from the statistical table issued in the Proceedings of this Communication.

Dispensations (to May 31st, 1947):

The following Dispensations were granted by the Grand Master between April 1, 1946, and March 31, 1947, inclusive:

To hold Joint Installations	3
To attend Divine Service in Regalia	18
To change Lodge Premises	2
To hold special Lodge Meetings	1
To confer degrees within specified time	4
To elect Wardens, Secretaries and Tylers	4
To confer degrees after securing Waivers	8
To hold District Meetings	11
To change place of meeting	7
To hold Emergent Meetings for Election and Installation	6
Dispensations granted	64

The following Dispensations were granted by the Grand Master between April 1, 1947 and June 1, 1947:

To attend Divine Service in Regalia	9
To hold special Lodge Meetings	2
To confer degrees within specified time	1
To confer degrees after securing Waivers	2

To receive new petitions (within constitutional 12 mos.) for initiation	1
For institution of a new Lodge	1
To change place of meeting	2
Total	18
Grand Total	82
Approval of by-laws	12

New Lodge Premises:

During the year under review, there has been considerable activity in acquiring new premises for Lodge purposes. The following Lodges have purchased properties and erected Lodges thereon—McCreary and Deloraine; while the following Lodges have acquired buildings and made extensive alterations thereto—Lansdowne Lodge at Griswold; Kilwinning at Minto; while others are making plans for more comfortable quarters. We congratulate these Lodges and extend our best wishes to them.

Nominations by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Grand Representatives for Sister Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge and confirmation of nominations of Grand Representatives for Manitoba near sister Grand Lodges made by their respective Grand Masters are listed in the Grand Master's report to you.

During the year, the various forms in use throughout this jurisdiction were reviewed by the Board of General Purposes and brought in conformity with the Constitution. Outstanding among the changes was a new Form 42 and Form 42a to replace the old Form 42 for use in making the semi-annual returns. These new forms seem to meet the approval of the Lodge Secretaries.

Your Grand Secretary cannot close this report without recording appreciation of the co-operation of the secretaries of constituent Lodges. For their courtesy and willingness to meet irritating situations, known only to a secretary, and for their understanding patience with the many imperfections of the Grand Secretary, we express our sincere gratitude.

Let no one imagine that perfection has been reached; that is still before us, but we are travelling in that direction. It would be very helpful, in my judgment, to have a conference of all secretaries that we might talk over our responsibilities and problems. Some matters require our immediate attention, and I suggest only a few:

1. In reporting changes in membership in the Lodge, whether additions or removals, the full name should be given,

not initials, and all the other details such as age, residence, occupation, etc. Remember we are making historical records that are more or less permanent.

2. Secretaries should report rejections of petitions for initiation, affiliations or restoration promptly, to the Grand Secretary and to each Lodge in the district.

3. Be careful to follow Section 157 of the Constitution.

4. The attention of all Lodges is directed to Section 143 of the Constitution. Form 4—"Petition for Initiation" has been revised, and must be used by all Lodges. Supplementary information desired from the Petitioner may be recorded as the Lodge may determine.

5. Some consideration has been given to the "Warning Circular." It has been the custom for some time past to issue the list of Rejections, Suspensions and Re-instatements or Restorations in June of each year for the preceding calendar year. This means that the list when issued is at least five months out of date. We suggest that this circular be issued in September in each year, when it would include the various classifications up to June 30th, in the current year.

6. Our fraternity should be a brotherhood. The Constitution is agreed upon by the members of Grand Lodge. Some of its provisions may not be as we would have them, but it is our duty to carry out these decisions. More than half of our irritations are caused by someone who decides to follow his own devices. Let each one of us be loyal to our solemn obligations. Let us get together and work together: after all, that is what makes bricks useful and co-operation, the one with the other—and all of us with each other, will add greatly to the strength of our institution.

The year under review has been a strenuous one. At the end of 1946, Mrs. Ruth Horne, the stenographer, reluctantly left the office. Miss Margaret Anderson, early in the year, was compelled to undergo a serious operation. Her strength is coming back slowly and we hope that she will soon be able to resume her duties with her accustomed efficiency. To others who have done their best to render useful service and to ease the pressure of work, we record our sincerest thanks.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

Presented by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25) who moved that the Report be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (2). Carried.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION TO W. BRO. CHARLES H. WELLS (151)

The Grand Master requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies to present W. Brother Charles H. Wells in the East. M.W. Bro. Donovan then presented to W. Bro. Wells his Commission as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colombia, South America, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. W. Bro. Wells accepted the honor with thanks.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Grand Treasurer, begs to submit for your consideration and approval the Statements listed hereunder, dealing with the Accounts relating to the finances of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal period ending March 31st, 1947:

General Fund:
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Income and Expenditures.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Income and Expenditures.
Schedule "3"—Mortgage Loans.

Beneficiary Fund:
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Income and Expenditures
Schedule "4"—Beneficiary Fund Payments.
Exhibit "G"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The foregoing statements have been audited and found correct and the Auditors' Certificate is attached to the Report.

It is gratifying to report that the finances of Grand Lodge as at March 31st, 1947, are in good condition.

The General Fund which was practically depleted for some years now shows a satisfactory surplus and this has made it possible for the various Committees to carry on extension work which could not be undertaken before owing to the lack of funds.. It is believed that the programme undertaken during the past year has resulted in substantial benefit to the Masonic Fraternity of this jurisdiction.

The Budget prepared by the Committee on Finance for the ensuing year, based on the requirements submitted by the Standing Committees, estimates that there will be a deficit on next year's operations of $3,685.00. There are three items in the Budget which account for the deficit, viz:

Printing of "Masonry in Manitoba"	$ 1,800.00
Travelling Expenses for out of town members to meetings of the Board of General Purposes	1,100.00
Reprinting of Constitution and amendments	1,250.00
A total of	$4,150.00

The first two items appear in the Budget for the first time. The last edition of the Constitution has been exhausted and a reprint is now necessary.

If Income and Expenditures for the coming year approximate the Budget estimates, it will reduce the surplus of the General Fund to $13,545.00. This, however, will still leave a sufficient surplus to carry out the Extension work now being planned for the future by the Board.

The Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund are both in a healthy condition.

The Investments of Grand Lodge now consist of Dominion, Provincial, and Municipal Bonds, amounting to $261,000.00. War Saving Certificates, $480.00 and two mortgages, $8,250.00, a total of $269,730.00. All the Real Estate owned by Grand Lodge has now been disposed of, and the mortgages we hold are considered to be sound investments.

Detailed reports presented at this Communication by the Investment Committee and the Beneficiary Fund Committee will give details of these Accounts and further comments in this report would only be repetition and are therefore omitted.

All Bonds owned by Grand Lodge are registered.

It will be noted from the Consolidated Balance Sheet, included in this report, that the Assets now stand at a grand total of $365,768.41 as at March 31st, 1947, as compared with $349,768.41 at the end of the last fiscal period, an increase of $15,898.96.

All property in which Grand Lodge has an insurable interest is covered by insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX BURGESS,
Grand Treasurer.

May 5th, 1947.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1947, and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

General Fund:
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "3"—Statement of Mortgage Loans.

Beneficiary Fund:
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "4"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.

Exhibit "G"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Cash in Bank:
The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:
The securities representing the investments were inspected and found in order.

Yours truly,
ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1947.

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$16,723.78	
Cash in Hand (Petty)	42.13	
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	462.75	
		$17,228.66
Inventories:		
Supplies and Stock		
Valued at		1.00
Equipment:		
Furniture and Fixtures		
Regalia		
Library and Fixtures		
Valued at		1.00
		$17,230.66

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	$17,230.66

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1947, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1947.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., May 5th, 1947.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the Year ended March 31st, 1947

INCOME

Dues	$15,977.15
Initiations	1,808.00
M.M. Certificates	1,741.00
P.M. Certificates	76.00
L.M. Certificates	80.00
Dispensations	29.00
Supplies Sold	668.70
Total Income	$20,379.85

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	$5,464.00	
Rent	600.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	320.84	
Stationery and Office Supplies	623.74	
Expense Grand Master	800.00	
Expense Grand Secretary	375.15	
P.M Certificates	38.56	
M.M. Certificates	94.50	
L.M. Certificates	38.56	
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	32.30	
Area Meetings	536.14	
Library Maintenance	1,469.26	
Masonry in Manitoba (paper)	791.47	
Insurance	38.51	
Insurance (Indemnity)	28.80	
Regalia	275.00	
Engraving Jewel, P.G.M.	3.55	
Unemployment Insurance	35.64	
Exchange	23.75	
Miscellaneous (Schedule "2")	2,777.08	
Total Expenditure		14,366.85
Net Income for Year		$ 6,013.00
Surplus as at March 31st, 1946	$11,181.66	
Add:		
Reinstatements (re Lauder Lodge)	36.00	
		11,217.66
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947		$17,230.66

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1947

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Amount Cr.
1.	Prince Rupert	$ 3.60	
3.	Ancient Landmark	31.25	
4.	St. Johns	5.10	
6.	Emerson	2.80	
7.	Assiniboine	2.70	
10.	Northern Light	10.60	
11.	Gladstone	2.90	
12.	Stonewall	6.20	
14.	Prince of Wales	7.00	
19.	Brandon	6.20	
25.	Ionic	5.50	
27.	Glenwood		4.00
29.	Carberry	2.20	
36.	Doric	9.85	
39.	Birtle	.80	
40.	Deloraine	8.80	
43.	Lebanon	8.30	
50.	Killarney	.60	
52.	Hartney	6.50	
64.	Composite	5.80	
67.	Wawanesa	3.00	
70.	Shiloh	17.25	
71.	Crystal	13.50	
75.	Gothic	2.00	
77.	Napinka		.80
82.	Cypress	100.40	
84.	Hamiota	.80	
86.	Elgin	4.30	
90.	Midlothian	20.00	
92.	Shoal Lake	5.85	
93.	King Edward	7.35	
101.	Binscarth	2.00	
102.	Miniota	2.70	
104.	Reston	3.50	
105.	Prince Arthur	8.00	
106.	Strathclair	4.80	
107.	Lansdowne		16.90
111.	Acacia	3.00	
112.	Ophir	2.20	
113.	Tweed	17.80	
	Forward	$ 345.15	$21.70

Schedule "1" (contd.)

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1947

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Amount Cr.
	Forward	$ 345.15	$21.70
118.	Mound	2.75	
119.	Norwood	6.40	
121.	St. James	7.95	
122.	Roblin	5.80	
123.	Transcona	2.90	
126	Favel	11.60	
128	Victory	1.45	
130.	Fort Garry	9.40	
131.	Kildonan	8.15	
132.	Sprague	.30	
134.	Stony Mountain	12.00	
136.	Capitol	.75	
137.	Lord Selkirk	1.05	
138.	Windsor	10.40	
139.	Beaver		1.45
140.	Meridian	6.40	
141.	Tuscan	2.25	
142.	Harmony		2.60
143.	Mt. Sinai	14.00	
144.	Fort Osborne	18.60	
145.	Sturgeon Creek	5.20	
146.	Fidelity	4.50	
148.	Seven Oaks	6.90	
150.	Cartwright	3.80	
151.	The Dormer	.20	
155.	Carman	.40	
156.	Manitouwapa	.20	
		$488.50	$ 25.75
		25.75	
		$462.75	

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1947

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	$ 712.00
Grand Lodge Communication	779.44
Audit	150.00
Telephone and Telegraph	125.10
Travelling (Banff Conference)	313.65
Flowers	26.35
Christmas Cards	45.90
Henderson Directory	26.60
Masonic Relief Association	51.20
Warning Circulars	22.68
List of Lodges	18.84
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Typewriter Inspection	12.10
Alterations to Office	190.65
Stenographer Masonic Trial	18.00
Certificates of Election	24.84
List of Officers and Committees	29.59
Printing Amendments	83.97
Miscellaneous	131.17
	$2,777.08

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st, 1947

ASSETS

	Par Value		
Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 22,781.57
Investments:			
Mortgage Loans		$ 8,250.00	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 49,000.00		
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	16,000.00		
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	177,000.00		
Canadian National Railway Bonds	8,000.00		
		261,000.00	
War Saving Certificates		480.00	
			269,730.00
			$292,511.57

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "D")	$292,511.57
	$292,511.57

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1947, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1947.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., May 5th, 1947.

Exhibit "D"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1947

INCOME

Life Members Fees	$ 405.00
Donations—Lodges	2,269.14
Profit on Sale Waverley St.	265.10
Profit on Sale Ethelbert St.	390.48
City of Winnipeg Taxes Refunded	20.15
	$ 3,349.87

EXPENDITURE

Exchange		5.45
Net Income for Year		$ 3,344.42
Surplus as at March 31st, 1946	$338,586.75	
Deduct:		
Transferred to Beneficiary Fund	49,419.60	
		289,167.15
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947		$292,511.57

Schedule "3"

STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE LOANS BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st, 1947

	Principal
Loan No. 38	$ 900.00
Loan No. 39	7,350.00
	$8,250.00

Exhibit "E"

BALANCE SHEET
BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31st, 1947

ASSETS

Current:	
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$ 6,325.14
Investments:	
Dominion of Canada Bonds	49,600.00
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947	$55,925.14

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In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1947.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accounts.

Winnipeg, Man., May 5th, 1947.

Exhibit "F'

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1947

INCOME

Mortgage Interest:			
Loan No. 38.		$ 58.50	
Loan No. 41.		19.99	
Loan No. R.		180.00	
			$ 258.49
Interest Bonds and Debentures	$11,875.00		
U.S. Premium Bonds and Debentures	37.50		
		11,912.50	
Less Accrued Interest March 31st, 1946		99.12	
			11,813.38
			$12,071.87

EXPENDITURES

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "4")	$5,545.71	
U.S. Tax Deducted (Bond Interest)	20.62	
		5,566.33
		6,505.54
Surplus as at March 31st, 1946, Transferred from Benevolent Endowment Fund		49,419.60
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947		$55,925.14

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1947

No.	Name of Lodge	On Account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert	Miss C. S.	$ 70.00
1.	Prince Rupert	W. N. L.	80.00
2.	Lisgar	Mrs. F. J.	325.35
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. McC.	185.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	F. M.	305.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. F. J. B.	125.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	65.18
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	65.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. M. McF.	245.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. G. W.	125.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. F. S.	185.00
14.	Prince of Wales	H. K.	45.00
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. R. A. T.	185.00
24.	Neepawa	T. T.	155.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. E. E. D.	185.18
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. R. A.	185.00
40.	Deloraine	T. L.	160.00
43.	Lebanon	Mrs. M. J. Y.	305.00
55.	East Star	T. A. A.	75.00
62.	Russell	A. M.	75.00
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	125.00
74.	Elkhorn	Mrs. N. Y.	305.00
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	125.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	125.00
93.	King Edward	A. F.	45.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. M. J.	20.00
100.	Robbie Burns	W. E. J. B.	125.00
103.	Crescent	M. G.	60.00
104.	Reston	C. B. B.	185.00
112.	Ophir	Mrs. B. R. T.	305.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. McD.	125.00
131.	Kildonan	A. M. R.	80.00
131.	Kildonan	H. B.	305.00
137.	Lord Selkirk	Mrs. G. M.	125.00
143.	Mt. Sinai	Mrs. F. Z.	125.00
153.	Flin Flon	B. H.	30.00
			$5,545.71

Exhibit "G"

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31st, 1947

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Bank		$45,830.49
Cash on Hand		42.13
Accounts Receivable		462.75
		$46,335.37
Inventory Supplies and Stock Valued at		1.00
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures, Regalia, Library and Fixtures Valued at		1.00
Investments:		
Mortgage Loans	$ 8,250.00	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	49,000.00	
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	16,000.00	
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00	
Dominion of Canada Bonds	226,600.00	
Canadian National Railway Bonds	8,000.00	
War Saving Certificates	480.00	
		319,330.00
		$365,667.37

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$365,667.37

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1947, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1947.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accounts.
Winnipeg, Man., May 5th, 1947.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3) who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1). **Carried.**

NOTICE OF MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

Moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. E. Thompson (48), and carried:

> "That the Eleven Masonic Districts, as at present constituted, remain so for the ensuing year; and that Lodge No. 124 at The Pas, and Lodge No. 153 at Flin Flon, remain under the supervision of the M.W. the Grand Master, and further, that the new Lodge 'Rice Lake, U.D.' also be placed under the supervision of the Grand Master."

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, made announcements regarding the reception of the Distinguished Guests, and also in connection with the reception of the Grand Representatives.

ADJOURNMENT

The M.W. the Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 3.55 p.m., to reconvene at 8.00 p.m. for the Evening Session.

Evening Session

Wednesday, June 4th, 1947

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, and the Past Grand Masters entered the Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn, "Unto the Hills around do I lift up, My longing eyes."

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies was then directed to retire and escort our Distinguished visitors, together with their sponsors into Grand Lodge:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following Distinguished Guests were presented at the Altar:

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

M.W. Bro. Carsten L. Jacobson, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro Louis H. Colson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz, P.G.M.
M.W Bro. Ralph W. Stanford, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John B. Tomhave, S.G.W.
R.W. Bro. George Stamson
V.W. Bro. Walter B. Congdon, S.G.D.
V.W. Bro. Clinton M. Norton

Presented by M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:
M.W. Bro. John Stormon, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Charles Pollock, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Harry Gill, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. W. J. Hunter, S.G.W.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota:
M.W. Bro. Theodore N. Engdahl, P.G.M.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey:
R.W. Bro. Charles S. Elliott, Grand Historian
Presented by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:
M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. W. B. Tait, P.G.M.
Presented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:
R.W. Bro. Arthur Cumming, S.G.W.
M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, P.G.M.

The Grand Lodge extended Grand Honors to our Distinguished Guests under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies; the Grand Master then, in a few well chosen remarks, extended a very cordial invitation to each of the distinguished guests and requested the Most Worshipful Brethren who introduced them to conduct them to seats in the Grand East.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS NEAR THIS GRAND LODGE

The M.W., the Grand Master, then requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies, to retire and escort the Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions into Grand Lodge.

The following were introduced by V.W. Brother Sydney Foreman and presented themselves at the Altar, under the sign of Fidelity, which was acknowledged by the Grand Master. The following were announced:

Alberta	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Alpina	V.W. Bro. W. C. Birt
Arkansas	V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
Canada (In Ontario)	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
Colombia	W. Bro. Chas. H. Wells
Cuba	W. Bro. J. Morgan Davies
Delaware	V.W. Bro. H. A. Adair
Denmark	M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni
District of Columbia	R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon
Ecuador	V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
Egypt	R.W. Bro. Edward T. Hardman
England	M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major
Florida	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
Georgia	R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Prugh
Guatemala	R.W. Bro. E. J. Smillie
Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Idaho	W. Bro. David Best
Indiana	W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Ireland	M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd
Kentucky	R.W. Bro. W. McLellan
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Maryland	W. Bro. D. Ferguson
Massachusetts	R.W. Bro. Hugh. A. Innes
Mexico	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker
Mississippi	M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey
Missouri	R.W. Bro. Maris. H. Garton
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson
Nevada	R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington
New Brunswick	M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert
New Hampshire	M.W. Bro. George Hunter
New Jersey	V.W. Bro. W. G. Corbett
New Mexico	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. James Mackie
New Zealand	M.W. Bro. S. Burland
North Carolina	R.W. Bro. R. Peel
North Dakota	R.W. Bro. J. F. Dart
Norway	R.W. Bro. J. P. MacKinnon
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

Oregon	M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
Philippine Islands	R.W. Bro. John Livesey
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Queensland	R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Santa Domingo	R.W. Bro. William G. Shaw
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. A. Burgess
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. J. Wardrope
Tasmania	V.W. Bro. T. Dodsworth
Utah	R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
Vermont	R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie
Victoria	W. Bro. R. M. Snider
Virginia	M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
Washington	R.W. Bro. G. R. Mackay
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. D. Griffith
Wisconsin	W. Bro. N. M. Hall

Most Worshipful Brother John T. Boyd (140), the Grand Representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on behalf of the Sister Grand Lodges represented, in a brief address offered most hearty felicitations, and cordial greetings to the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The Grand Representatives were accorded Grand Honors led by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The M.W. the Grand Master, expressed his pleasure at the presence of so many distinguished guests, thanked them for their greetings, and through them to the Grand Lodges they had the honor to represent, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. M.W. Brother Donovan, further expressed the hope that each one would communicate with his respective Grand Lodges, reciprocating the good wishes and greetings they had extended.

REGRETS FOR UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE

South Carolina	R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer
Chile	M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black

FLAG CEREMONY

Under the direction of V.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4).

R.W. Bro. Capt. David MacKay (140), of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Union Jack.

Bro. Capt Sam. Gee (140), of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Stars and Stripes.

The brethren sang one verse each of

"God Save the King"
and
"The Star Spangled Banner."

Prayer was offered by the Acting Grand Chaplain, and the flags were placed in the Grand East.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

My Brethren:

We extend a sincere and cordial welcome to all who gather here for this seventy-second Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, and we give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the favours he has bestowed upon us during the past twelve months.

One year ago you placed me in this office which was the highest honour in your power to give. I now express to you all, my sincere thanks and appreciation for the privilege of serving as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge during these twelve months. It has been a full and busy year and yet there seems to be so much more that might have been done. I have endeavoured to accept all invitations to visit Lodges throughout the Province but was hindered in this work by the weatherman making the roads impassible during the greater part of the Winter. It has been my pleasure though, to visit many Lodges and enjoy the friendship shown by the Brethren. To many Brethren, I owe a debt of gratitude for their assistance during the year. They gave of their time to accompany me and saw to it that I was provided with transportation. Particular mention is due to the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain, and R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr for the untiring and wholehearted support which they have given to me all through the year.

NECROLOGY

During the past year many of our Brethren, their work being finished, have laid down their tools and have ascended to the Grand Lodge above.

Sister Jurisdictions:

March 17, 1946—Charles S. Percival, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Iowa.

April 18, 1946—Frank William Rash, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

July 20. 1946—Francis D. Jones, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Montana.

July 31, 1946—Albert Edward Ottewell, D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

August 19, 1946—William A. Fairweather, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Washington.

September 21, 1946—Robert A Carson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

October 24. 1946—Fordyce L. Van Hoesen, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Iowa.

November 9, 1946—George Duffy, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Delaware.

January 4, 1947—John Andrew, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Colorado.

January 6, 1947—Thomas E. English, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

January 12, 1947—Howell E. Jackson, P,G.M., Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

January 23, 1947—John J. Sweeney, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arizona.

January 25, 1947—Frank Hargreaves, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Texas.

January 25, 1947—Byron S. Defenback, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Idaho.

February 3, 1947—Cyrus N. Blanchard, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Maine.

February 6, 1947—Oscar P. Spiegel, P.G. Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Alabama.

February 24, 1947—Edward T. Bishop, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

February 28, 1947—Leon Samuel Hass, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

March 21, 1947—Thomas Lindsay, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

March 23, 1947—Clarence A. Short, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Our Own Jurisdiction:

March 12, 1946—William A. Piper, Hon. D.D.G.M., 1945.

March 20, 1946—Thomas Stockdale, D.D.G.M., 1931.

June 11, 1946—Charles Wilson, D.D.G.M., 1913.

June 24, 1946—James W. Guthrie, D.D.G.M., 1922.

For these and the 186 other Brethren may we say with Rudyard Kipling:

"When earth's last picture is painted
And the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded,
And the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith we shall need it—
Lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all good Workmen
Shall call us to work anew.

When only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and
No one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of working,
And each in his separate star,
Shall draw the things as he sees it
For the God of Things as They are."

OFFICIAL VISITS

Sister Grand Jurisdictions:

June 12-13—The Grand Lodge of Alberta, accompanied by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, who delivered the address at the banquet. Was honored by being made a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alberta.

June 12-20—Represented at the Grand Lodge of British Columbia by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary.

June 12-20—The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, accompanied by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master, we were honored by being made Past Grand Master and Past Deputy Grand Master respectively, of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

June—Represented at the Grand Lodge of North Dakota by R.W. Bro. Walter McDonald, Senior Grand Warden.

January 12-18, 1947—The Grand Lodge of Minnesota in Company with an excellent delegation of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Within Our Own Jurisdiction:

(a) District Meetings:

July 26th—Third Masonic District at Treherne.

July 31st--Fifth Masonic District at Russell.

September 19th—Tenth Masonic District at Stonewall.

October 2nd—Second Masonic District at Carberry.

October 3rd—Ninth Masonic District at Grandview.

October 17th—Eighth Masonic District at Carman.

October 22nd—Sixth Masonic District at Hartney.

October 23rd—Fourth Masonic District at Boissevain.

October 24th—Seventh Masonic District at Oak Lake.

October 29th—First Masonic District at Winnipeg.

January 31st, 1947—Twelfth Masonic District at Winnipeg.

(b) Regional Meetings:

May 8th—Portage la Prairie—184 present.

May 9th—Swan River—108 present.

May 14th—Shoal Lake—135 present.

May 15th—Reston—185 present.

(c) Lodge Visits:

June 10th—Represented at Holland Lodge No. 63, by R.W. Bro. Walter McDonald, Senior Grand Warden.

July 8th—Kilwinning Lodge No. 110, Minto—opening of New Hall.

July 11th—Reston Lodge No. 104—Fortieth Anniversary.

August 27th—Doric Lodge No. 36—Boissevain with Tweed Lodge No. 113.

September 10th—Flin Flon Lodge No. 153—Took part in the Ceremony of burning the mortgage on the Temple.

September 12th—Emerson Lodge No. 6—Seventieth Anniversary with St. John's Lodge No. 4.

September 24th—Hartney Lodge No. 52—Fifty-fifth Anniversary, M.W. Bro. John A. Stormon, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, was also present.

November 5th—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114—"Canadian Night."

November 7th—Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

December 17th—Tweed Lodge No. 113—Past Master's Night, Grand Master presided.

December 19th—Composite Lodge No 64 Alexander—Took part in Installation Ceremony.

December 27th—Joint Meeting Brandon Lodge No. 19 and Tweed Lodge No. 113—Installed Officers.

February 18th, 1947—Tweed Lodge No. 113—Brandon.

March 19th—King Edward Lodge No. 93—Winnipeg, "Irish Night."

March 24th—Windsor Lodge No. 138—St. Vital, Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

March 25th—Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1—Winnipeg.
March 26th—Lansdowne Lodge No. 107—Griswold.
April 2nd—St. John's Lodge No. 4—Winnipeg.
April 10th—Oak Lake Lodge No. 44—Oak Lake.
April 28th—Wawanesa Lodge No. 67—Wawanesa.
April 29th—Strathcona Lodge No. 117—Belmont.
May 6th—Hartney Lodge No .52—Hartney.
May 13th—Brandon Lodge No. 19—Brandon.
May 16th—Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14—Minnedosa.
May 20th—Beaver Lodge No. 139—Winnipeg, Twenty-fifth Anniversary.
May 22nd—Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143—Winnipeg.
May 26th—Rivers Lodge No. 115—Rivers.
May 27th—Elkhorn Lodge No. 74—Elkhorn.
May 29th—Union Lodge No. 108—Brookdale.
May 31st—Ionic Lodge No. 25—Winnipeg, on the occasion of a visit from Ionic Lodge 186, Duluth.
June 3rd—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114—Winnipeg.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

In addition to regular lodge meetings, it has been my pleasure to join with the brethren on special occasions:

June 23rd—Glenwood Lodge No. 27, Souris—Divine Service, The Grand Chaplain preaching.
July 28th—International picnic—Masonic Island, North Dakota—addressed the gathering.
September 20th—Met with District Deputy Grand Masters—Winnipeg.
November 20th—Ionic Lodge No. 25—"At Home."
November 22nd—St. John's Lodge No. 4—"At Home."
May 19th, 1947—Fidelity Lodge No. 146—Social Evening.
May 25th, 1947—Seventh Masonic District--Divine Service at Oak Lake—The Grand Chaplain preaching.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I would like to impress on every member in this Grand Jurisdiction, the importance of the District Meetings. I was privileged to attend all eleven meetings, and we had some good meetings and some that were not so good. In some Districts the members of the individual Lodges appeared to grasp the significance and purpose of a District Meeting and so came prepared to give and receive all helpful information and suggestions that would benefit the District as a whole. They were interested and alive to their needs and responsibilties and the reports given by Lodges reflected this attitude. In other Districts we found just the opposite The members of the District had very little to offer and appeared to expect the Grand Lodge Officers to put on a programme for them both afternoon and evening.

It was our plan, and so announced during the past year, that the District should be responsible for the afternoon programmes. In some Districts nothing was left undone to make it a success. In others nothing was done except that the members turned up expecting something to be provided for them. Brethren, if our Order is to thrive and flourish, we must develop leadership throughout the various Districts and in the individual Lodges, so that the work may progress as a harmonious whole, each unit being able and willing to carry its share of the load. Where there is leadership the Lodges are thriving, and where there is lack of leadership there is a dirth of petitioners even in these times of plenty.

A district meeting is a gathering of the Lodge members of an organized Masonic District and should be a convocation for the mutual benefit of the Lodges having membership in that District. It should be a meeting where Lodge activities are discussed and where, if a Lodge has problems, they may be discussed and receive the benefit and experience of other Lodges in solving them. Leadership is an essential requirement for such a meeting and the District Deputy Grand Master is the one expected to give that leadership. If he does not take his duties seriously and prepare himself to organize and lead his District, he cannot expect anything but failure and to that extent injure the cause of Masonry in the Province. See to it then, that when a District Grand Master is being selected that he is one able and willing to lead and organize his District so that when the Annual District Meeting is held it will be a District Meeting in all aspects of the term and not merely a gathering of brethren expecting to be entertained by visiting Grand Lodge Officers.

Area or Regional meetings on the other hand have been organized during the past three years for the purpose of bringing Grand Lodge Officers into contact with as many Lodges as possible throughout the Jurisdiction. The programmes at these meetings have been arranged by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education and the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry. At these meetings Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen expect to take the lead and be responsible for the programme. Indications are that these meetings have been a real benefit to the members attending and it is to be hoped that this good work may continue with ever increasing benefit to all.

I would like just here, to make special mention of the Lodges at Flin Flon and The Pas. It may not be generally realized that these two Lodges do not belong to any Masonic District but come under the personal supervision of the Grand Master. Their geographic location is such that it is not practical to have them included in any District, and therefore, they do not benefit by visits from a District Deputy Grand Master, nor do they have the pleasure and fellowship derived from interlodge visits. They are, however, in themselves each a "going concern" and it is one of the special pleasures of each Grand Master to visit these Lodges in Northern Manitoba. The fact that they are isolated from sister Lodges does not in any way hamper their Masonic interest and enthusiasm. When the Grand Master's party arrives the "Masonic Town" is at the station to greet them, and they are taken in charge from that moment until leaving time. If any of you brethren from the more easily accessible Districts wish to see Masonry in action I suggest that you arrange a holiday trip to visit your brethren in the North.

It was my pleasure and privilege last September to assist in burning the mortgage on the Temple at Flin Flon.

For the past six or seven years a conference of the Officers of the four Western Grand Lodges has been held at Banff. Last September this Grand Jurisdiction was represented by your Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Grand Secretary, the three latter officers taking a prominent part in the conference and contributing materially to its success. This was an outstanding Conference and has been dealt with more fully in the report of the Board of General Purposes.

An All-Canada get together of Grand Lodge Officers, held in February of this year was something new in Canadian Masonry and was a very much worthwhile Conference. There were thirty-one representatives including, each Grand Jurisdiction from Britsh Columbia on the West to Newfoundland on the East. The report of the Board of General Purposes has also dealt with this Conference and you have expressed your approval in establishing an All-Canada Conference to meet at specified periods in the future.

FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

Fifty year Jewels were presented to the following Veterans of the Craft:

Bro. William John Sanders—Killarney Lodge No. 50.

Bro. Angus McQueen—Killarney Lodge No. 50.

Bro. Samuel J. Elkin—Emerson Lodge No. 6.

V.W. Bro. William R. Smith—Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Bro. Henry W. White—Shiloh Lodge No. 70.

V.W. Bro. Arthur Chapman—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

W. Bro. Arthur Birtles—Composite Lodge No. 64.

Bro. John Leitch—Composite Lodge No. 64.

Bro. William N. Brown—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

V.W. Bro. W. M. Bentley—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

W. Bro. Edwin R. A. Stevenson—Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Presented at Grand Lodge:

R.W. Bro. Fred Ford—Deloraine Lodge No. 40.

V.W. Bro.—Henry L. Deakin—Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

R.W. Bro. George Camsell—Gothic Lodge No. 75.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Following the practice established by some of my predecessors, I sent out a letter to all constituent Lodges, asking them to remember the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund when making their Christmas Donations. The response was very gratifying and the thanks of the Committee in charge of this fund is due to those Lodges and individuals who so generously contributed.

DISPENSATIONS

The list of dispensations granted by the authority of the Grand Master (55 in all) during the year will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

I must draw to your attention again the fact that a Grand Master cannot grant dispensations contrary to the constitution or the by-laws of a Lodge. During the year a number of requests were received for a dispensation to postpone the regular Lodge meeting because it fell on a holiday. Lodges running into this difficulty should have their by-laws amended to provide for such an emergency and not ask the Grand Master to break the Constitution that he has pledged himself to uphold.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

W. Bro. J. Gard Duncan—Near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

R.W. Bro. A. T. K. Troedsson—Near the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

I am pleased to make the following nominations near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Representing the Grand Lodge of Nevada, Vice R.W. Bro. T. A. Argue—Deceased.

R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, Representing the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Vice R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell—Deceased.

R.W. Bro. Walter McDonald, Representing the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, Vice R.W. Bro. H. T. Trethewey—Deceased.

R.W. Bro. John Livesey, Representing the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands, Vice R.W. Bro. J. S. Miller—Deceased.

MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Grand Secretary's report will show a considerable increase in membership during the past year. We have also to report that a number of Lodges throughout the Province have provided themselves with new meeting places, which is a splendid sign of prosperity and shows interest in the future welfare of the Lodges.

We have also to report the formation of a new Lodge at Bissett, in the Rice Lake Mining District, and extend our congratulations and best wishes to these brethren.

These gains and improvements are certainly very gratifying, and it is a pleasure to be able to report them, but on our visits about the Jurisdiction we were often faced with this statement,—new members are being brought into our Lodge and they attended a few meetings then they seem to lose interest. It is the old story that we are so busy making members that we do not take time to make Masons out of them and we are reminded of the lines written by Edwin Markham:

"We are all blind until we see,
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.

Why build those cities glorious,
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the work unless
The builder also grows."

Then Brethren, let us remember that wherever we are and whatever we do, His all-seeing eye beholds us and if we act towards each other as true and faithful Craftsmen, the making of Masons and the building of the Fraternity will be a steady progress of growth as symbolized by the spreading Oak.

It would be remiss on my part to close without putting on record my sincere appreciation and thanks for the kind services of all those who have been associated with me during my term of office. Many Brethren have spent valuable time to accompany me on my various visits, and their friendship and good counsel have been a great inspiration to me. The Grand Lodge Officers and the members of the Board of General Purposes have been most helpful at all times and have formed columns of strength and support in all the many departments of the work.

It has been a great privilege to have had the honour of serving this Grand Jurisdiction and I shall always treasure the many friendships I have made during my term as your Grand Master. Now, as the term is about to close, I bespeak for my successor the same helpful co-operation that you have given to me, and may the blessings of the Most High prosper our united endeavours to build a greater and nobler fraternity.

M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10) expressed the thanks of the Brethren at the very fine, concise Address given by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni (11), and it was moved that the Address be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. Carried.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following Amendments to the Constitution were taken up at this point:

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. In accordance with the Notice of Motion R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138) moved:

"That all of section 41 of the Constitution, except the last sentence be deleted and replaced by the following:

> 'The District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year in each Masonic District, shall be chosen at the Annual District Meeting from among the eligible Past Masters of the District. All Masons of the District in good standing shall be entitled to vote. The Brother chosen shall be declared elected at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge when the choice is confirmed by the Grand Master elect.' "

This motion was seconded by W. Bro. Paul Jeske (125), and after some discussion, the Motion was put to Grand Lodge and defeated.

NOTICE OF MOTION

2. In accordance with the Notice of Motion, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4) moved:

> "That Section 138 of the 1944 edition of the Constitution (page 66) under the heading 'Lodge Jurisdiction' be amended by adding, after the word 'member' in the second line, the words 'who is a Master Mason'."

This motion was seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93) and after discussion, the vote was called for and lost.

NOTICE OF MOTION

3. The following Notice of Motion was forwarded to the Grand Secretary by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), but withdrawn by Bro. Bannerman, with the approval of the Board of General Purposes, that further consideration may be given to it:

"That Section 38 of the Constitution be enlarged to include sub-section 3, which will read as follows:

> 'That two ballots be used, one of which shall be for the election of members whose respective residences are in that part of the Province of Manitoba, outside of Greater Winnipeg, and the other for the election of members whose respective residences are in Greater Winnipeg, with equal numbers being elected in any one year from the two above outlined territories.' "

At this point in the proceedings, the Brethren were favored with a Solo by Bro. W. Davidson Thomson, which was greatly enjoyed.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan made a presentation of Fifty-year Jewels to R.W. Bro. Fred. Ford of Deloraine Lodge No. 40, R.W. Bro. George Camsell of Northern Light Lodge No. 10 and V.W. Bro. Henry L. Deakin of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1. The Grand Master congratulated these brethren on having had the privilege of serving the Craft faithfully and well during the past fifty years, and wished them many more years of service to Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The M.W. Grand Master drew the attention of all the members of the Masonic Districts numbers two to ten, to their programmes where the time and place of each District Meeting was given.

ADJOURNMENT

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 10.30 p.m. until 10.30 tomorrow, Thursday, June 5th, 1947.

Second Day

Thursday, June 5th, 1947

Morning Session

The Grand Lodge was called from Refeshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report as follows.

Four proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge were received for consideration by your Committee, being amendments to Section 41; to Sections 54 and 30; to Section 138 and to Sections 125 and 125A.

Your Committee finds that the amendments to Section 41, to Sections 54 and 30 and to Section 138 have been properly introduced in accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge, are in order for presentation to Grand Lodge and are within the powers of Grand Lodge under its Act of Incorporation and amending Act, and its Constitution.

Your Committee finds that the amendments to Sections 125 and 125A were not received by the Grand Secretary within the time limit prescribed by the Constitution. and, therefore, are not in order to be considered at this communication of Grand Lodge.

A Notice of Motion from Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 concerning Section 119 of the Constitution was referred by your Committee for the consideration of the Custodians of "The Work."

Your Committee was asked to consider the By-Laws of Meridian Lodge No. 140, which did not provide for the reading of the Minutes of the last regular Meeting of the Lodge and subsequent emergent meetings at the next Lodge Meeting. Your Committee, after delving into all the Masonic Encyclopedia available, reported that it was proper procedure for all Minutes of Lodge Meetings to be read at the next regular Meeting of the Lodge.

A Notice of Motion for an amendment to the By-Laws of Ionic Lodge No. 25 providing for a reduction in dues if paid before June 30th, was submitted to your Committee, and your Committee reported that in its opinion the annual dues should be one set amount and that it was bad Masonic precedent to provide for the reduction for prompt payment, although possibly not contrary to the Constitution.

Your Committee was asked to give its opinion as to whether a Lodge could hold more than one emergent meeting on the one day, each for conferring degrees. As Section 180 of the Constitution provides,—"A lodge may confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on not more than five candidates at one meeting," your Committee was of the opinion that while the Constitution did not specifically prevent a lodge holding two meetings in one day, for the purpose of conferring degrees, it would still be contrary to the spirit of Section 180.

There have been no rulings made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge or the Board, to be considered by your Committee, nor has your Committee been called upon to review any rulings of the Most Worshipful Grand Master before the same are submitted to Grand Lodge.

Your Committee wishes to record its appreciation to the Most Worshipful Grand Secretary for his constant and kindly help and assistance and for his usual kindly courtesy.

Fraternally submitted,
S. HART GREEN,
Chairman,
Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

Presented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE, ON THE REVIEWS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Again it is my privilege and pleasure to submit to you my endeavoured report of silent service as your Grand Correspondent.

As we peruse the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions and in nearly all of them we read of widespread demand for speed in the building of our Masonic edifice, in which each one of us is a living stone, a member, a vital part. The applications that will permit the shortening of time between degrees, making Masons in wholesale lots, and for dispensations to violate the law. The degree mills are grinding away at top speed in order to take care of the multitudes clamouring for admission. What the result will be time will tell.

However, it is heartening to note that a few Grand Masters sense the danger confronting us and have refused the demands for dispensations to do things that can be of no good to the Craft.

The future relationship of these brethren with Masonry will depend to a great extent upon the attitude of the Officers of Lodges and their willingness to keep in touch with them to keep up their interest in the Craft.

The size of individual Lodges is attacked here and there, and the formation of new Lodges, to relieve the congestion, is recommended. With the idea that some lodges are far too large to do effective work for Masonry and impart our tenets to all of their members, we are in accord that a Lodge of 200 members or less with all its members acquainted, taught in Masonry and imbued with its fellowship, is far better for our order and its influence on humanity, than a Lodge with 500 or more members having only 100 who are real Masons.

Fraternally submitted,
H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence, begs to submit the following report:

The number of beneficiaries receiving monthly grants as at April 1, 1946, was 30. Three of these beneficiaries died during the year, and seven new cases were added, making the total as at March 31, 1947 to be 34. The total amount disbursed during the year was $5,545.71.

During the past year every application received by your committee, was thoroughly investigated, carefully and impartially considered, and no application was refused when, in the opinion of your committee, it was worthy of assistance.

Your committee takes pleasure in commending the action of those Lodges, which, during the year, have assumed their share of responsibility in the cases of brethren needing assistance in their several Lodges.

The attention of Masters and Secretaries of all Lodges having beneficiaries in charge of this committee, is directed to Section 11-b-3, of the Constitution, which has been condensed to read as follows:

> "As grants to beneficiaries are only for the current year, or less, it is the duty of every Lodge to see that applications for the renewal of such grants, for those beneficiaries who, at the end of the year, are still in need of assistance, are forwarded to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible after the first day of May, in each year. A Lodge not wishing a renewal of a grant, shall through its Secretary, notify the Grand Secretary, if possible, prior to that date."

Secretaries of Lodges are reminded that every application for assistance, must be accompanied by a covering letter; whenever possible supplementing the information contained in the official application form. This is essential; as the extra information so obtained, materially assists the committee in arriving at the worthiness or otherwise, of applications received.

The usual cheque for $5.00 was sent as a Christmas gift last December to each beneficiary in receipt of a grant from the committee.

The list of donations to the Benevolent Endowment Fund received during the past year, is given below:

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1	$ 100.00
Lisgar Lodge No. 2	50.00
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3	50.00
Emerson Lodge No. 6	60.00
King Solomon Lodge No. 8	25.00
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	60.00
Morden Lodge No. 13	25.00
Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14	50.00
Corinthian Lodge No. 15	10.00
Glenwood Lodge No. 27	100.00
Birtle Lodge No. 39	25.00
Deloraine Lodge No. 40	27.00
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	10.00
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	25.00
Oriental Lodge No. 54	25.00
Russell Lodge No. 62	20.00
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	70.00
Shiloh Lodge No. 70	40.00
Crystal Lodge No. 71	25.00
Composite Lodge No. 64	25.00
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	25.00
Elgin Lodge No. 86	90.00
King Edward Lodge No. 93	100.00
Hiram Lodge No. 94	25.00
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100	20.30
Miniota Lodge No. 102	25.00
Strathclair Lodge No. 106	100.00
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	25.00
Ophir Lodge No. 112	10.00
Tweed Lodge No. 113	100.00
Norwood Lodge No. 119	20.00
Penza Lodge No. 120	25.75
St. James Lodge No. 121	25.00
Roblin Lodge No. 122	25.00
Transcona Lodge No. 123	25.00
The Pas Lodge No. 124	76.00
Patricia Lodge No. 125	10.00
Sprague Lodge No. 132	5.70
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	24.00
Windsor Lodge No. 138	50.00
Beaver Lodge No. 139	50.00
Harmony Lodge No. 142	25.00
Fidelity Lodge No. 146	25.00
Jubilee Lodge No. 147	10.00
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148	10.00
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152	10.00

Flin Flon Lodge No. 153	50.00
Pine Falls Lodge No. 154	29.09
	$1,837.84
Fifth Masonic District	33.00
A. E. Burkett	10.00
D. F. Cowie	5.00
S. E. T. Dodd	5.00
J. E. Goodman	5.00
E. W. Grant	5.00
J. Greenberg	5.00
H. R. Hollett	5.00
N. Rothstein	25.00
A. Sim	3.00
	101.00
Total Donations	$1,938.84

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN T. BOYD,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3). Carried.

ADDRESS OF GRAND HISTORIAN

The subject of our Historical address on this occasion takes us beyond the confines of the Craft and directs our attention to that wider area—our Province—and I find justification for my choice in the fact that as good citizens the Masons of this Jurisdiction ought to know more than they do about their country.

Who were the first white men to gaze upon the site of the future City of Winnipeg which seventy-five years ago was the only settlement in this vast prairie land?

Was it the party of eight Goths and twenty-two Norwegians whose brief story is recorded on the Runic Stone, now a museum piece housed in Alexandria, Minnesota?

According to this mute evidence, these Vikings came along the Valley of the Red in the year 1362, about one hundred and fifty years before Columbus discovered America.

If the theory of Prof. H. R. Holland, of Wisconsin, is correct. these early visitors would undoubtedly be the first white men to enter this domain of the nomadic Indian tribes.

At a much later date there seems a possibility that Frenchmen were here about the year 1688. It is a known fact that Jacques de Noyon, first discovered the Kaministiquia route in the year mentioned, and spent the winter (1688) with Indians on Lake of the Woods. In those far-off days two routes led westward out of Lake of the Woods—one by way of the Winnipeg River and Lake Winnipeg; the other, an Indian trail, over the old Savanne Portage which followed the Roseau River to its junction with the Red, near Letellier. Perhaps de Noyon visited the place where we meet today but we have no documented evidence to justify such a claim, yet it is a possibility.

Later, we come to La Verendrye's day and reach more solid ground and our story of the coming of white men to the West is substantiated by conclusive evidence.

It is of Valiant La Verendrye that I will speak. The centturies have a way of placing men and events in their right relationships to history and it is time that La Verandrye may now be seen—200 years or more—after his search for the fabled Western Sea, in his natural and permanent place among the brave and gallant gentlemen whose names are inscribed on Canada's roll of fame.

In his own day neither friend nor enemy quite comprehended the achievement of our first great North-Wester. Time has now no power to dim the resplendence of La Verendrye's work or to assail the loveliness of his character. As long as civilization endures the memory of this intrepid explorer should be held in affectionate remembrance. We may well recall, at this time, the tribute expressed by the French Governor-General at the conclusion of the explorer's travels.

" Six years of service in France and thirty-two in this Colony, without reproach—the man most worthy of the graces of the King."

Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, Sieur de la Verendrye, was born November 17th, 1685, in the fortified town of Three Rivers, on the St. Lawrence. His father had come to Canada twenty years before and had been a lieutenant in the French Army.

We have no time, on this occasion, to deal biographically upon the youth and early career of La Verendrye. We do know that direct contact with trappers and traders from the Indian country and a deep-seated love for adventure, attracted not only La Verendrye himself but also his growing brood of youngsters. All four of his sons were destined to share in the immortal work of their illustrious father and they became joint discoverers, along with him, of the western half of this continent.

It was in 1727, that the French Governor required a resourceful manager for three trading posts located in the vicinity of Lake Nipigon. La Verendrye was selected for the position and in due time he proceeded westward to the land of the beaver.

Do we, in this great Metropolis, realize the nature and character of business at a trading post in that wilderness two centuries ago? Let me quote from a trading record bearing the date 1733:

"One beaver would buy a brass kettle or 12 ounces of colored beads; a pound and a half of gun powder or two pounds of sugar; two combs or 12 needles; a pair of shoes or two looking-glasses; eight knives or two hatchets." If an Indian asked the price of a blanket he would be told, "six beaver," and he could get a gallon of brandy for four beaver.

One bright morning a tall muscular Indian Chief padded into one of the isolated posts in Nipigon where he found La Verendrye busy at work on his post records. The visitor was named Auchnagah, and he came from Kaministiquia.

Following an established custom among traders La Verendrye questioned his Indian visitor thoroughly, enquiring about routes of travel; the place where he came from; the characteristics of his camp followers and he did not forget to ask if he had any information regarding the great fabled sea supposed to lie toward the west. In the course of the visit he learned from Auchnagah that at various times he had met other tribes who had told him about a large lake, the waters of which flowed westward and emptied at last into an unlimited expanse of undrinkable water which had an ebb and flow. The Indian sketched on a piece of birch bark an outline of the country he was familiar with and over which he had travelled.

The lure of the West had entered the veins of La Verendrye long before this interview and the story imparted by his native visitor made him more restless than ever. He sought release from his command of the trading posts. He also made a request to have an exploration organized under government auspices and despite the personal interest of his immediate superiors in Canada, the Court at Versailles would neither give sanction or money to prosecute the work. In the year 1731 a despatch from France was received announcing:

"Monsieur La Verendrye's requests were reasonable and (that) his proposed undertaking bore an air of being practicable when the time came that money could be spent on such an object."

By the time this message reached Canada, La Verendrye had already set out upon his great adventure. The search for the West began in earnest one sweltering afternoon on 8th June, 1731, at the little stockaded fort on the banks of the St. Lawrence, where the City of Montreal stands today. The explorer had undertaken to find voyageurs to convoy his party westward and it started off with fifty grizzled adventurers but without any financial assistance or obligation on the part of the Government of the day. Those in authority, on the spot, let him proceed on the distinct understanding that after he had reached his destination his future moves would be guided by the views and instructions of the Court.

Three of La Verendrye's sons; the eldest Jean Baptiste (18), Pierre (17), and Francois (16), accompanied their father on the first expedition. A fourth son, Louis Joseph, joined him a few years later. A cousin of the boys, Christophe Dufrost, Sieur de la Jemmeraye, was second in command, under La Verendrye.

La Jemmeraye, then a youth of 22, had previously been in the Indian Country south of Lake Superior and in the Mississippi basin. He was considered well qualified and a worthy lieutenant in the work of exploration.

La Verendrye obtained a monopoly of the fur trade in the country he set out to explore and it was conditioned that he would, in time, build three forts; one at Rainy Lake; a second at Lake of the Woods, and a third at Lake Winnipeg.

Lacking the financial assistance from the Government treasury, as already explained, La Verendrye was compelled to seek aid from a group of merchants in Montreal. Then, by reason of furnishing the necessary goods for trading purposes looked for ample profits from the fur shipments expected from the new country.

Every mile of the journey westward was consecrated by heroism and every man in the caravan knew the perils they faced. Kaministiquia was reached in the fall (1731). Here La Verendrye and his party rested, marking time, on account of the season, until the month of June (1732). An advance guard under his nephew, La Jemmeraye and eldest son, Jean Baptiste, was sent off with four canoes to Rainy Lake where they erected their first post about two miles east of the site of the town Fort Francis. La Verendrye named the place Fort St. Pierre.

The explorer, with the remainder of his establishment reached the newly built fort on 14th July, 1732, and received a great welcome from a band of Cree Indians numbering about 200. Without delay a section of the exploring party proceeded westward for another 100 miles to the north west angle of the Lake of the Woods where they erected Fort St. Charles. This place was destined to become their fur-trading centre for several years Thus, by the end of 1732, he had opened two of the posts planned at the outset of his expedition.

The first attempt to reach Lake Winnipeg and the Red River region was made late in the winter of 1732-33 but did not prove successful. The report of this expedition was contained in a despatch dated 28th September, 1733, which reads:

"Toward the end of last winter he (La Verendrye) had sent his son with the Sieur de la Jemmeraye, his nephew, to construct a fort at Winnipeg (Lake). They reached a point about fifteen or twenty leagues from the lake of that name, according to what the savages told them, but could not get there on account of the ice."

A later despatch tells us about this initial approach in these words: "At the request of one of the Lake Winnipeg chiefs, the Sieur de La Verendrye sent two Frenchmen (La Jemmeraye and Jean Baptiste La Verendrye) to form an establishment there. These two men returned with a Chief and 18 men from the Lake and reported that they had found a lot of people there . . . they could not induce them to go up to Fort St. Charles . . . they hoped the French would come to them as promised. The most convenient place, both as a residence and as being within reach of the savages, was two days journey up the Lake on the south-west side at the outlet of the Red River. The Sieur de la Verendrye made presents to the Cree Chief and assured him that in two moons the Frenchmen would go and establish himself with him on the Red River."

It is interesting at this point to make reference to the first contact made by La Verendrye with the Cree Indians of Red River. In the explorer's journal (1733) an entry of unquestioned value appears—he was explaining to some Indian Chiefs that he had a blacksmith in his establishment—a man who could make axes, knives, kettles and such articles but lacked the iron to make them. "Is there no one among you who has knowledge of iron," he asked, "the color does not matter, iron of any color would be good to have."

The reply, through the interpreter must be fascinating to Manitobans today in view of the advance and development of our mineral areas—it should be remembered we are dealing with events that happened over two centuries ago.

Listen to the answer—"He knew of several iron mines; one five days journey from the fort." Holding the fire shovel, he said, "the iron of that mine gave a still clearer sound," and he told of other ores he knew, some of them yellow, hard, in grains and flakes sparkling like the sun.

On 9th March, 1734, La Verendrye despatched two of his men back with two Cree guides sent by the Lake Winnipeg Chiefs to conduct them to inspect a place where it would be most convenient to erect a fort. The Frenchmen returned about the middle of May.

Sometime during the summer of 1734, La Verendrye wrote: "I gave orders to go immediately to Lake Winnipeg, at the mouth of the Red River and there construct a fort a square arpent in size, the plan of which I gave him with instructions as to what to do. He was to tell the savages that my son would go down with two canoes at the end of the August moon."

The historic fact concerning the original fort erected in the Red River Region is best told and authenticated in the report of Pierre de La Verendrye, the explorer's second son, a lad of twenty years at the time. This was sent to Governor Beauharnois and reads:

"Monsieur:—I have established a fort at Lake Winnipeg, five leagues (15 miles) up the Red River, on a fine point commanding a distant view. There are many fish in this river; it is a fine spot and a pleasant place to live at; game abounds. There are 30 portages but not one bad one. The fort and the river bear the name Maurepas (Red River). I could not establish myself nearer the Lake because it is all prairie there. I have not seen the Cree yet. I expect they will all come to see me this winter, as I sent word of our new establishment."

This was the beginning of the original Fort Maurepas. It was five leagues (or 15 miles) from the mouth of the Red.

Today there is a village named Peguis on the west bank of the Red a few miles below Selkirk, and this might suggest the location of the old fort which is now only a memory.

We have learned that Pierre La Verendrye erected the first fort on Red River in 1734 and it was not until 25th February, 1737, that his father first set eyes on this fort. We need not dwell upon the reasons for this seeming delay, let us rather deal with the journey itself.

The trip was planned in December, 1736, when he writes in his journal (8th December) "I held an inspection in order to detach ten Frenchmen and two of my sons to prepare to accompany me to Fort Maurepas, as I had not received any news of my son since his arrival at the Fort, though he had orders to return immediately and bring any news as I desired to start for the East on their return. I made my party travel by the Savanne Portage, whence we crossed over to Red River."

He writes further as follows, (2nd January, 1737): "As they were separating a Cree arrived from Maurepas who said that the French there were in good health, but that they were greatly worried at having no news of the canoes and supplies that had been promised them for the autumn."

Again: "On 1st of February I sent off 15 savages and their canoes to mark out the shortest way for me, clear it of obstacles and select places to camp; the eight others and their canoes I kept to carry provisions and be of service to me. On 8th February, after having made Fort (St. Charles) secure for the period of my absence, and having left twenty men under the command of the sergeant, taking ten out with us, my two sons and eight savages with their canoes to carry things requiried on the way, I started in the morning, the weather being, excessively cold, which it continued to be all the way though the sun was bright. It took me eighteen days to get to Fort Maurepas.

"Nearly every day I came to lodges of savages who wished me bon voyage and offered me provisions that I had no need for as the men who were with me killed two or three moose every day . . . We settled upon the fourth of March as the date of the Council because time was required to notify two villages of the Assiniboine situated at the great fork of the Red River (Winnipeg) which is the place to which I have proposed to transfer Fort Maurepas in order to facilitate commerce and navigation.

"The Council meeting with the Indians was held on 4th March, 1737, and we learn an Assiniboine Chief rose and in the name of his tribe said that although the accident that occurred last summer had prevented the transfer of the Fort to their neighbourhood, namely to the fork of the Red River, which was their own territory, he hoped that I would nevertheless, keep my word this year; that his tribe offered me all the help in their power for that purpose, and that they would form a village at the spot in order to reside permanently near the fork."

The journal continues with general details of the negotiations and says: "but (I) declined the offer (guides to go to the Mandan Country) alleging the lateness of the season so as not to let them know that the Frenchmen were afraid nor yet of the intention I had formed of going up the Red River so as to reach Fort St. Charles. I availed myself of the pretext of wanting to see the great river (Winnipeg River) which, issuing from the Lake of the Woods falls into Lake Winnipeg." He left Fort Maurepas on 11th March, 1737, and it took 19 days for homeward journey.

La Verendrye left for Canada on 3rd, June, 1737, and did not return to Fort St. Charles until 31st August, 1738. Little time was spent here because we learn he left by canoe on 22nd September and reached Fort Maurepas in 11 days. The journey at this time of the year would be by water and the time compares with 18 and 19 days occupied in the month of February, 1737.

Quote from journal: "I reached Fort Maurepas on the 22nd (September) where I held a military inspection, published your orders concerning the said Fort, and gave a copy of them to de Louviere, agent for these gentlemen. I then detached five of his men to come with me, as I had arranged, and left nine with de Louviere. I proceeded to the fork of the Assiniboine and reached there on the 24th (September). He invited the chief to his tent for a conference and two days later he proceeded up the Assiniboine to a point near the site of Portage la Prairie. La Verendrye never moved Fort Maurepas to the forks of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers as had been contemplated and promised to the Indians. On this occasion he proceeded without delay up the Assiniboine to a point near where Portage la Prairie stands today and this is what he wrote on the spot: "I determined to choose a good spot for building a fort, which I caused to be commenced at once. While the men were building as hard as they could I spoke to the Assiniboine, assembling them all near my tent, I made them a present from you of powder, ball, tobacco, axes, knives, chisels, awls; these being things which they value highly." On 9th October he was joined by M. de la Marque with the Sieur Nolan, his brother and eight men in two canoes.

This was the beginning of Portage la Prairie and the Fort erected there at that far-off time was named Fort La Reine. It must have been a rather modest establishment because as we have said its construction was commenced on 3rd October and on the 15th he wrote: "the fort and the houses being completed, I began to think of the preparations for our departure to the Mandan Country. M. de la Marque told me he had brought M. de Louvier to the fork (Red and Assiniboine at Winnipeg) with two canoes to build a fort there for the convenience of people on the Red River. I thought that was all right provided the savages are notified of it."

This then was the time, the place and the identity of the man who built Fort Rouge. It was the first building erected on the site of the future City of Winnipeg. Fort Rouge does not seem to have been of much importance at any time and there is no evidence to show it was ever an active trading post even in La Verendrye's day.

My personal opinion is that it was merely one of those stopping places, many of which were scattered thoughout the country in the fur-trading days, and were used in the service when circumstances and convenience required them.

We can only deal with a fragment of La Verendrye's great work and contribution to Canada. His travels, explorations, discoveries, accomplishments, and his disappointments are told in his journal of nearly six hundred pages.

Brief reference has been made to his entry conveying the information that mineral deposits were known to the Indians in the Lake of the Woods region. We can, with perfect assurance, acclaim him as our first agriculturist, because he sowed corn and peas and reaped a satisfactory crop.

He (with members of his party) is acknowledged as the first white man to penetrate Western Canada.

He opened up contacts along Lake Manitoba, built forts on the North and South Saskatchewan, and sent his men to the Rockies.

It is impossible to enumerate the things he accomplished nor can we estimate the value of his contribution to the future development of a great country. From the Lake of the Woods, across the expanse of Manitoba, into Saskatchewan, along the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, through the Dakotas and along hundreds of miles of the Missouri River country. Through uncharted virgin wastes and endless plains he carried on his work, enduring perpetual danger and earning immortal fame.

But we soon forget great men. Some time ago I examined a high school history book and the story of La Verendrye was covered in less than a thousand words. I wonder what the explorer had in mind when he penned these words: "What advantages may result from my toils the future will tell."

Surely it is fitting that we should find space in our archives for this brief summary of a brave and gallant gentleman whose graces of mind and person have earned for our intrepid voyageur, the love and remembrance of every loyal Canadian.

We honor La Verendrye, first white man, to open up our own beloved West.

WM. DOUGLAS, P.G.M.,
Grand Historian.

The Sincere thanks of the brethren present was expressed by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) and the address was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings. Carried.

GREETINGS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called on the following Distinguished Guests to address Grand Lodge:

M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

R.W. Bro. Chas. S. Elliott, Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

R.W. Bro. Arthur Cumming, S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the Fraternal Greetings and good wishes brought by our Distinguished Guests from their respective Grand Jurisdictions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address appointed by the Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:

The activities of the Grand Master in this Grand Jurisdiction and beyond bespeak of endless endeavour to meet the Brethren and contribute to the utmost in furthering through their endeavours the ideals of Freemasonry. Five Sister Grand Jurisdictions, eleven District Meetings, four Regional Meetings, forty-five Masonic Lodge and Special Occasion visits, tell something of the story of an ambition to sacrifice and to devote time and energy to foster the mission of the Craft in its service to a bewildered humanity. We commend the reference to those Grand Lodge Officers and other members of Lodges who gave freely of their time and wisdom to assist the Grand Master in his arduous responsibilities, more especially the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain and R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr.

Suitable reference is made to the loss sustained through the passing of sixteen Past Grand Masters of Sister Jurisdictions, of other Grand Lodge Officers in this and other Jurisdictions, and of 186 Brethren within this Grand Lodge.

We commend attention directed to the distinction drawn between Regional and District meetings and to the responsibility of the District Deputy Grand Master and of Officers of local Lodges for the success of the afternoon meeting of the District. Definitely, the value of the District meeting depends in part upon the local membership accepting due responsibility for making a worthwhile contribution to the occasion on which the Grand Master is their guest.

We commend attendance of the Grand Master at the Conference of the four Western Grand Lodges and at the All-Canada Conference convened for the first time during February of the present year. Representation from all Grand Jurisdictions, British Columbia to Newfoundland, would attest a growing sense of national responsibility within the Craft for concerted thinking upon those social and civic problems which affect the happiness of mankind. A unified circle of fraternalism helps one sense the strength and relationship of Masonic idealism to the practical solution of our social problems.

We commend the action taken by the Grand Master on behalf of the Benevolent Fund prior to the Christmas Season.

We commend the advice of the Grand Master in admonishing those within the Order who seek dispensation contrary to the constitution and the by-laws of a Lodge.

It is gratifying to note reference to the organization of a new lodge and to increase in Lodge membership during the year. We find ourselves in complete sympathy with the advice of the Grand Master to exercise the utmost patience and wisdom in the "making of a Mason" while a significant increase in membership would appear to be the trend. The quality of our workmanship and guidance as Masons in the making of a member is deserving of special attention in this day.

It is pleasing to note reference to the Masonic spirit of the Lodges of the north, at Flin Flon and The Pas, and to know that geographic isolation bears no relation to community spirit and ambition on behalf of Masonic fraternalism.

We congratulate the Grand Master upon the honours conferred while visiting the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

In conclusion, your Committee desires to congratulate the Grand Master upon the completion of a year of ardent service to the Craft, and for an address which in frankness of statement appeals to the wisdom and initiative of every member as it calls him to labour in the Mission of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,
D. S. WOODS,
Chairman,
Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

Presented by M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report begs to comment as follows:

A careful perusal of the Grand Secretary's Report discloses that our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, has given a very complete word picture of a year of great activity in Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. He furnishes a most interesting statistical record which this Committee feels must be emphasized. The gross increase in membership totalled 1,145, 901 of whom were new members, 74 brethren who had been re-instated and 170 who had been affiliated. This is truly a splendid record—one of which our Grand Lodge will be proud.

It indicates a year of great activity in practically all of our Constituent Lodges. Only two lodges were without initiates during the year. Not only did we have a very large number of new members but 244 brethren by reinstatement and affiliation decided to take an active part in our Constituent Lodges. Our net increase in membership strength for the year is 748.

Our Grand Secretary, in his Report, gives a lengthy list of Dispensations which had been granted from 1st April, 1946, to 1st June, 1947. These Dispensations numbered 82 and were issued for 12 different reasons.

Our Grand Secretary, also in his Report, has made what is considered by this Committee a very valuable suggestion. It refers to the time of issue of the "Warning Circular" which deals with Rejections, Suspensions and Re-Instatements. It is hoped by this Committee that this suggestion will receive the consideration it warrants.

Such progress by our Constituent Lodges results in increased work for our Grand Secretary and his Staff. It has been a strenuous year for him, his first year as Grand Secretary, coupled with the fact that for some months of the year he was without the assistance of his office assistant, Miss Anderson, due to her serious illness. Fortunately she is on the way to recovery and it is hoped will soon take some of the heavy load from his shoulders. This Committee wishes to record its sincere appreciation of the splendid work performed by our Grand Secretary during this difficult year. He has met the numerous problems with enthusiasm and courage and those of us who have had the opportunity of witnessing him "in action" have been greatly impressed by his ability and courtesy. He has been able to keep the business of the office well abreast, he mentions in his report, because of the splendid co-operation of the Secretaries of Constituent Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,
J. J. BANNERMAN,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10). Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at 12.00 p.m. to attend the Grand Lodge Luncheon at 12.30 noon.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

A Complimentary Luncheon was provided for the out-of-town guests by the Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg, supported by the Lodges of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts. and Kildonan. The Dormer and Seven Oaks Lodges of the Tenth Masonic District.

The Luncheon was at 12.30 noon, W. Brother E. D. Chable, President of the Past Masters' Association presided. There were 618 Masons present. A feature of the Programme was the singing of Mr. Robert Whiteman of Winnipeg, who is totally blind. and who captivated his audience with his very fine voice. W. Brother J. Morgan Davies introduced the speaker. Most Worshipful Brother Carsten L. Jacobson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, who gave a thoughtful address and was applauded vigorously. He was thanked by R.W. Bro. Leslie C. Welsh. Most Worshipful Brother Jacobson's address follows herewith:

"THE APARTMENTS OF THE TEMPLE"

Brother Master of Ceremonies, Most Worshipful Sir, Brethren and Honored Guests:

In my boyhood the spotlight of every Baptist camp-meeting was the mourners' bench. This being my first visit here, I find myself repenting on that bench. For years our Minnesota pilgrims have sung paeons of praise to the genuine friendliness and open-handed hospitality of our Northern neighbor, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. My fondest hope is that the future will permit me to be with my Minnesota colleagues in the "Amen Corner," and to add a lusty voice to their chorus.

My subject, "the Apartments of the Temple," is directed to what we choose to call the Universality of Masonry—not entirely uncontroversial. If my remarks leave you with food for thought, I will feel amply repaid.

Each of our Grand Jurisdictions is a law unto itself, proud of its sovereignty and jealous of its prerogatives. We reach out for friendliness and understanding but we are apt to practice isolation. We have vigorously opposed, and I think rightly so, every movement to shackle our freedom under a General Grand Lodge.

Many of our jurisdictions have also been impatient of the so-called higher degrees of the Scottish and York Rites. They have depricated Shrinedom as a more or less frivolous playground. Some of them do not tolerate the Order of the Eastern Star and similar affiliates. These, they say, lessen Masonic attendance and dissipate our strength. These prejudices, if such they are, are deeply ingrained. If we are truly logical, however, it can do us no harm to evaluate the far-reaching effect of such bodies.

Not so many decades ago our several Grand Jurisdictions, within their respective Apartments, were out of touch with the temple of Masonry as a whole. More and more, as the world has shrunk in size, we have been drawn closer together. Perhaps the time is ripe for us to consider some of the factors which have been working toward this end.

The advent of the automobile is not the least of these. Whole lodges now motor to visit their neighbors. Our brethren of International Falls feel equally at home over the bridge at Fort Frances. Quarry Lodge, at Pipestone in our Western Minnesota, at its annual Past Masters' event, is the traditional host of Iowa and of North and South Dakota. On the state level, my own Grand Lodge exchanges visitations with the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and the two Dakotas. We have beaten a path over the international friendship line between Minnesota and Manitoba. This year, at the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington, D.C., the Grand Masters of all of our forty-nine Jurisdictions and six from Canada met to break bread and exchange ideas,.

This, Brethren, appeals to me as the true spirit of Masonic Universality. The most of its development has occured within the last twenty-five or thirty years and it is doubtful if Ancient Craft Masonry can claim all the credit. The other bodies, with their national organizations, have long set us an example. Their leaders, many of them leaders in Blue Lodge Masonry as well, have pioneered a closer national and international spirit. Perhaps we have learned a salutory lesson from their example.

At home, during my school days, I became acquainted with Hubert Bown, a famous English auctioneer. He was noted as an expert on the history and value of oriental rugs. One morning, before a sale, a lady came in to examine a beautiful Kirmanshah. "Why Mr. Bown," she said, "that rug is defective; it has a light streak of color running through its centre." "Madam," said he, "that streak is proof that the rug is genuine. Its backing is of the finest camelhair and the symbolism of its design is older than written history. The Persians," said he, "insist that only Allah can be perfect. In the weaving of their rugs they put in such harmless flaws to avoid the outrage of imitating the All-High."

In later years I have come to associate his statement with Masonry. The sturdy backing of our Fraternity has ever been the Blue Lodge System. And yet, like all human institutions, we know that it has its faults and we strive to remedy them.

One of the founders of that Benevolent Society, Alcoholics Anonymous, wrote a fitting philosophy into this prayer: "Sovereign Father of the Universe wilt thou grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to attack those we can, and the common sense to distinguish the difference." This, I think, is the spirit in which we must approach such problems.

Two hundred and thirty years ago, the four Immemorial Lodges, with a combined membership of less than one hundred and twenty, joined in the formation of what is now the Mother Grand Lodge of England. We have grown and prospered until now we have lodges in all civilized countries with a combined membership of between five and six millions.

There are many who are sincere in the belief that the so-called higher Bodies, which have woven a colorful pattern into our fabric, give us more of weakness than of strength. However this may be they do stimulate our growth and tend to break down the borders of our isolation.

Like our own efforts, therefore, they tend to promote the Universality of the Craft.

That Universality can and ought to play an important role in the post-war world. Even now, while the peace is still unwritten, we sense the gathering of the war-clouds of the future. But we do not have to stand by without lending a hand. We have no place in political controversy. By precept and example, however, we can greatly aid in the dissipation of the misunderstandings and jealousies without which war cannot exist.

Canada and the United States have long understood all of this. Our three thousands of miles of border have no need of soldiers, of guns or of barbed-wire entanglements. Mexico at our south, despite the differences between our peoples and our languages, is fast approaching the same understanding.

In cementing the bonds of friendship and of peace between Canada and the United States, it cannot be gainsaid that Masonry of every Rite and Degree has played its part. During more recent times Masonry has made great strides in Mexico and I am firmly convinced that this has been of material aid to our better understanding.

Let us continue our efforts until the Light of Masonry penetrates to all the peoples of the earth and the scourge of war is relegated to the ash-heap of barbarity.

In closing, Brethren, I invite you to rise and join me in a toast:

"To the Universality of Masonry. May its Light
continue to shine and spread until we can truly
call this 'one world' and its teachings of
Brotherhood become the beacon of Universal Peace."

Second Day

Thursday, June 5th, 1947

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 2.30 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry begs to submit the following report.

The Condition of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has improved over last year, both in increased membership and harmony. Last year your Committee reported a few cases of discord and difficulty, but thanks to time and common sense these cases have been healed.

The District Deputy Grand Masters report most lodges busy with degree work and that the ritual work of the officers is very well and carefully done. This Committee would like to see each Worshipful Master take a greater part in all three Degrees so that by the end of his term, the Lodge would be assured of his proficiency in all the degrees, according to the requirements of the Constitution.

The general attendance at Lodge meetings is rather disappointing, a greater effort should be made to improve this by having the lodge work well and promptly done and closing early.

A great deal of inter-lodge visiting has been carried on during the year, much to the advantage of the new member, for visiting gives him the opportunity of broadening his Masonic knowledge and meeting the brethren from other lodges.

The attendance of principal officers at the Annual Communication is far from good, distance does not seem to enter into this difficulty because some of the most distant lodges have a greater representation than those that are situated close to Winnipeg.

Only a few lodges failed to have their books properly audited, but all Lodges report a good financial condition and a number are making plans to own their own lodge buildings.

A better appreciation of keeping the Historical Register up to date is indicated this year, as the District Deputy Grand Masters report only one or two cases of neglect. The Committee again wishes to draw to the attention of all Lodges in this Jurisdiction the importance of the work of the Committee of Enquiry and to stress the care and thoroughness with which they should discharge their important duties, so that none but fit and proper persons may join the Craft.

The Conference of District Deputy Grand Masters held at mid-term again proved helpful, for by that time the District Deputy Grand Masters had been in office some months and had a better understanding and conception of their duties, and were better able to take advantage of the assistance and advice offered by the various Committees of Grand Lodge.

Another gratifying experience last year was the Conference of the four Western Jurisdictions which meets annually at Banff to discuss problems relating to the Craft in the respective Jurisdictions. It must be a source of satisfaction to you, Most Worshipful Sir, that the officers from this Jurisdiction made such a fine contribution to the success of that Conference.

Regional (or Area) Meetings are proving popular, the attendance this year was outstanding and seems to indicate an earnestness on the part of the brethren in their search for a broader understanding of the Craft. These meetings are an opportunity for that expression of brotherhood and a desire for fellowship for which we all yearn in these disturbing times.

And now may we turn to a summary of the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports covering the various Districts:

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann, D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District, reports on the eleven lodges in his District. They are very interesting reports, and prepared in a comprehensive manner. His report on the work and the manner in which the business of the several lodges is conducted shows them to be in a healthy state. He has been most diligent in the discharge of his duties as will be noted from his report. In addition to his official and other visits to respective lodges, he held meetings at which all Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of the First District were present. This procedure affords an excellent opportunity of interchange of ideas and, no doubt, reacts to the benefit of individual lodges and the Craft in general. The observations and recommendations contained in these reports are worthy of most careful perusal and consideration of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

The fine support which the District Deputy received from both Past and Sitting Masters and other members of the Craft on visits to the various lodges was most encouraging, and indicates the fine spirit of co-operation and fellowship that prevails throughout this District, productive of much good and added interest in Freemasonry. The District Meeting on October 29th, was a great success, the result of much thought and planning.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. W. M. Froom, D.D.G.M. Some of our oldest Lodges are within this District and some of our dearly beloved Masons, old in the service of the Craft they love, are members of these Lodges. It was an inspiration and a joy to meet R.W. Bro. William Cairns of Temple Lodge No. 49 at both the District and Regional Meetings. Having lived—as he puts it—forty-seven years in each of two centuries (94 years of age) he is still an enthusiastic Mason, We are all happy to have this worthy and esteemed Brother with us at this Communication. R.W. Bro. Froom had a very successful District Meeting at Carberry on October 2nd and from the various reports of the Secretaries, very fine work is being done in some Lodge Communities. The public spirit displayed by members of these Lodges is worthy of imitation. It warms the heart of a Mason to find members of a lodge deep in the work of helping others, and what a field each brother has to help and guide the young boys in a Community.

This district makes a splendid showing in the number of Lodges owning their Temples and the fine financial condition that all the Lodges are in. Attendance is average at Lodge communications—the duty of attending Lodge should be stressed, particularly to the Junior Officers, they need the experience of these meetings in fitting them for the duties and responsibilities of Master.

Harmony and good fellowship are evident in all the Lodges, and a good attendance is anticipated at Grand Lodge this year.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. H. A. Adair, D.D.G.M., has visited each of the nine Lodges in his District at least twice during his term of office. With but one exception, all lodges showed an increase in membership, all degrees witnessed were conferred in a creditable manner and all candidates were well grounded in their work. He reports a good attendance at all official visits despite the fact that owing to the severe winter, road conditions were poor in a number of cases, which indicates that Masonry is in a healthy condition in this district.

A notable feature of his report is the fact that all lodges in the District have made provision for the instruction of Junior Officers, a most commendable practice which should be stressed by the incoming District Deputy Grand Master. One regrettable feature of his report is that not all principal Lodge Officers attend the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Last year the attendance from this District was 13 Officers out of 27. Attention should be given to this apparent lack of interest on the part of some principal Officers.

Harmony and a spirit of good fellowship exist in all the lodges and three of them are to be commended for their local charity work.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. C. N. Mains, D.D.G.M., reports a splendid spirit of harmony in his district. The lodges have their share of new members, who are keen to learn more about this great Craft and take their place in Masonry. While some inter-lodge visits have been made, more should be planned, so that new members may extend their circle of Masonic activities.

Practically all the lodges have their Historical Registers up to date and the lodge books properly audited. The lodge attendance of the Junior Officers is very disappointing. If these officers are careless and indifferent in attendance, the general work and welfare of the lodge suffers. This misfortune is already indicated in some lodges by the poor attendance at the Grand Lodge Communication, and inter-lodge visiting. The distances are not great, and travelling conditions are good, and this is one District from which a good representation could be expected at Grand Lodge.

The Community work of some of these lodges is splendid and worthy of praise. A really active lodge is always keen to take its full part in community work.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. J. A. McKinnon, D.D.G.M., reports that in all the lodges of his District a very friendly feeling exists. Many of the lodges are small but the average attendance during the past year was about forty per cent; forty-eight per cent on the occasion of his official visits. Visiting among the lodges is reported to be good—one of the likely reasons for the good spirit that prevails. Attendance of the principal officers at Grand Lodge continues to be poor. Eight of the twelve lodges in the district were not represented by any of the three principal officers last June, and only one Senior Warden and one Junior Warden were present. There also seems to be a lack of interest in Study periods or Study Club work. A greater interest in Masonic Degree interpretation might result in greater officer interest. Some of the lodges do a great deal of visiting. The District Deputy Grand Master reports a very fine appreciation of the monthly paper, "Masonry in Manitoba." All the Lodges appear to be in good financial condition

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. J C. Duthie, the District Deputy Grand Master, reports that lodge attendance of both officers and members in this district appears to be good. One lodge had the misfortune to lose its Master and Secretary because they were transferred from the Community. He also reports that all the Masters can confer the three degrees in part and the Opening and Closing ceremonies are satisfactory. The work of the Junior Officers is well within the average. Lodge visiting could be increased by some of the Lodges to the advantage of the new members, then again, some of the lodges do a great deal of inter-visiting, some of it being international, which would suggest that they are not only active in visiting, but are making their lodge a real part of the Community life.

Again as in other Districts, the attendance of the principal officers at Grand Lodge is poor, and yet those lodges that are alive and progressive seem to manage good representation at Grand Lodge. One of the Lodges in the district was host to a regional meeting, which was very well attended and well organized. Harmony prevails in all Lodges.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

A careful review of the reports of R.W. Bro. W. S. Clark, D.D.G.M., shows that Freemasonry is in a fairly healthy condition. He seems to have been diligent in the discharge of his duties as defined by the Constitution. All the Lodges in the District were visited and he reports that harmony prevails.

His reports show that five of the seven Masters in the District can confer three degrees. This is rather unique and is worthy of commendation and emulation. He reports highly on the attendance, interest and efficiency of the Junior Officers and the Degrees he witnessed were exemplified in a highly competent manner. It is rather regrettable that three of the seven lodges were unrepresented at Grand Lodge and that only seven accredited delegates in the District were in attendance.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. Joseph Millroy, the D.D.G.M., has appreciated the duties and responsibilities of his office. He has visited all lodges at least once, officially and informally several times. Outstanding performance is being done in all departments of Freemasonry, the officers are conscious of the work to be done and are doing it in a very able manner.

East Star Lodge No. 55 is worthy of particular note in this review. A few years ago this lodge appeared to be in a serious decline and the brethren, much to their dislike and against their better judgement, seriously gave consideration to the surrender of their Lodge Charter. On the occasion of the Official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master he reports that he found the brethren in "great heart," the future of East Star Lodge appears to be in the ascendency. The brethren of this Lodge are to be congratulated and are worthy of any help that may be given them to assist their lodge to take its natural place in Freemasonry.

Three Lodges are making slow progress. In each case the poor progress emanates from the careless work of the principal officers. Mention is made of the dragging business sessions and the inefficiency of degree work. Late opening hour of the lodge also appears to be a cause for complaint. The initiative of the officers guiding the destiny of any Lodge should be attuned to the requirements of the Lodge. Projects which are interesting and most worthwhile are not undertaken. Sprague Lodge leaves much to be desired. The District Deputy Grand Master recommends assistance to the members of this lodge, which would enable them to fulfill the destiny of Freemasonry in their Community.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

From the reports submitted, R.W. Bro. D. N. McIntyre, D.D.G.M., has been very zealous in his efforts as the representative of the Grand Master, and high praise is due him for a big job well done. The most striking item in his report is the efficiency and enthusiasm of the Junior Officers of the various lodges, which augers well for the spread of Freemasonry in the years to come. All work he has seen done in the different lodges was of a very high standard and it would appear from this, that the Officers are really interested in the performance of their various parts. It was also very gratifying to see how well his own lodge and others supported him in the performance of his official duties.

There is no question that harmony prevails in all the lodges in this District. There seems to have been a laxity in the matter of auditing the books of two of the lodges. This should be remedied at once. It is very unfortunate that this district is so poorly represented at the Grand Lodge Communication. This is a duty the principal officers should endeavour to perform as they would receive much valuable instruction and information to take home to their various Lodges, and at the same time discharge their responsibilities in the administration of Grand Lodge.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. J. W. Lindsay, D.D.G.M., has apparently made a very fine contribution to the Craft by his diligence. This District is unique in that it has three Lodges in Greater Winnipeg and seven Country Lodges. It is pleasant to learn that they work together in perfect love and harmony. The attendance of Officers is fair, considering that a number of them are key men in the industries in their respective Communities. In all lodges in this District, the Master is able to confer in part the three degrees. The degrees were witnessed in all but one Lodge, and the work seemed to be well done.

Membership is increasing which gives the lodges the added responsibility of instructing the new members. None of the Lodges have study clubs, due perhaps to the fact that most of their time is taken up with degree work. Eight lodges have libraries one just recently started. It would seem that we are getting many new members but could do more to help in Masonic education. All the Lodges in the District but one have done some inter-lodge visiting and that one, is over one hundred miles from its nearest neighbor. The lodges all seem to be in fairly good financial condition and several own their own Temples. The work of the Junior Officers on the whole, was quite good as reported by the District Deputy. This speaks well for the future welfare of the Craft in this District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

According to the D.D.G.M.'s report the condition of Freemasonry in R.W. Bro. Harry Gray's district is very satisfactory.

A perusal of his reports on the lodges and his summations in each case show generally a healthy growth in membership and a keen interest in practical Freemasonry. The Masters and their officers generally, are well skilled in their ritualistic work, and with one or two exceptions adhere closely to the usages and landmarks. All lodges in the district have enjoyed large increases in membership. The new members for the most part are very young men, ready and anxious to learn all they can about Freemasonry.

All the Masters and Senior Officers meet regularly once every month to discuss their problems, exchange ideas and pool their experiences. The annual Dstrict Meeting was an outsanding event, both from the viewpoint of attendance and the unique character of its programme. There is hardly a meeting of any lodge in the District at which another lodge is not welcomed as a visitor. The Masons of the district attend Divine Service in a body once a year and hold an annual social event with their wives as guests. In this way the members of the various lodges get to know each other better. If there is any one factor which highlights the condition of Freemasonry in this district it is the spirit of unity and close fraternity of the lodges and members indvidually. The success of this achievement is due in large measure to the foresight of the District Deputy Grand Master. He has shown a keen appreciation of the duties of his office and the needs of the lodges under his supervision.

The two lodges, Most Worshipful Sir, that are under your personal Jurisdiction, namely, The Pas Lodge No. 124 and Flin Flon No. 153, are in fine condition. Flin Flon Lodge burned the mortgage on their Temple during your visit in September and other lodges are enjoying their full share of new members.

They report the annual visit of their Grand Master as an inspiring event and look forward to it with keeness and a pleasure that brings warmth to the hearts of those attending the Grand Master. The great distance from Grand Lodge does not prevent these lodges having at least one representative at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. It has been mentioned several times throughout this report, but once more I would like to stress the importance of Masters and Wardens attending the meetings of Grand Lodge. As has been pointed out in several District reports the attendance is not too good and it is to be hoped that this serious neglect will be remedied in the future, and that the officers and Master Masons alike will attend the Annual Communication and derive that knowledge and inspiration which can only be gained by personal attendance.

Your Committee would like to express its thanks for the fine co-operation of the District Deputy Grand Masters and appreciation of the fine reports promptly submitted, some of these reports are models of thoroughness and detail.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have been faithful and sincere in their discharge of their duties as your representatives, Most Worshipful Sir, and have endeavoured to bring to the lodges under their charge inspiration and help. They had courage to frankly and kindly criticize poor work or wrong methods and make suggested improvements, and at the same time missed no opportunity to commend and encourage work well done.

In recognition of the fine work done by the retiring District Deputy Grand Masters during their term of office, your Committee recommend the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following:

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann—First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. M. Froom—Second Masonic District
R.W. Bro. H. A. Adair—Third Masonic District
R.W. Bro. C. N. Mains—Fourth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. A. McKinnon—Fifth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. C. Duthie—Sixth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. C. Clark—Seventh Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Joseph Millroy—Eighth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. D. N. McIntyre—Ninth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. W. Lindsay—Tenth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray—Twelfth Masonic District

Respectfully submitted,
FRED. H. BLYTHE,
Chairman.

Presented by V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Investments begs to report for the year ended March 31st, 1947, as follows:

1. The recommendations made by this Committee in its report of the previous year, have been fully implemented as follows:
    a. Separate accounts are now being kept for the Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund.

b. The policy of submitting combined Annual Statements by the Auditors has been discontinued. Separate financial statements are being submitted by the Auditors for the first time this year.

c. Separate bank accounts are now in operation in each fund.

d. The system of combining the transactions in respect to the two funds has been discontinued.

2. An adjustment has been made in respect to the invested capital of the Endowment and Beneficiary Funds. The Beneficiary Fund investments now stand at $49,600.00 instead of $34,600.00 shown last year. A transfer of $15,000.00 was made to the Beneficiary Fund from the Benevolent Endowment Fund. The amount of this adjustment was arrived at after thorough investigation by the Auditors and the Grand Secretary.

The investments of these funds are now as follows:

Benevolent Endowment Fund	$269,730.00
(as shown by Exhibit "c." Auditors' Report.)	
Beneficiary Fund	$ 49.600.00
(as shown by Exhibit "e", Auditors' Report.)	

Your Committee recommends that the investments as above set out be confirmed and that they form the basis to which future investments will be added.

During the year, the remainder of the property acquired by the Grand Lodge through foreclosure, was sold as follows:

	Sale Price	Cost Grand Lodge	Profit
191 Ethelbert	$4,900.00	$4,509.52	$390.48
299 Waverley	9,000.00	8,734.90	265.10

Mortgage Loans have increased during the year by $6,543.69. This increase is the result of a mortgage for the unpaid purchase price of 299 Waverley Street.

No investment were made by this Committee during the year.

Donations to the Endowment Fund amounted to $2,269.14.

Interest and U.S. Premiums on investments during the year amounted to	$11,813.38
Amount paid to beneficiaries	5,545.71
Excess of receipts over Beneficiary disbursements	$ 6,267.67

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL BURRITT,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Finance, begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee on Finance, during the year just closed, have given careful supervision to all matters relating to the General Fund of Grand Lodge. Your Committee met regularly each month to examine and approve the payment of all accounts billed through the Grand Secretary.

The following statement of Income and Expenditures follows:

Income: Actual	$ 20,379.85
Income: Budgeted	18,070.00
Expenditures: Actual	14,366.85
Expenditures: Budgeted	15,835.00
Net Income for year	6,013.00
Surplus as at March 31st, 1946	11,217.66
Total surplus as at March 31st, 1947	17,230.00

The increase in revenue realized during the year has enabled the several committees to carry out their programme of activities as planned and, with the continuance of this healthy condition of our General Fund, a further extension of activities can be undertaken, all of which reacts in the interests and to the benefit of Freemasonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Our Budget for Expenditures for the year 1947-48 as you will note, is high compared with previous years but it includes two items carried over from 1945-46, viz., repairs to Grand Lodge Regalia $400.00 and furniture for Grand Lodge Board Room $515.00. No material was available for the former and there has been delay in delivery of the latter. There is also an item for $1,100.00 for the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry to cover travelling expenses of Rural Board Members, and one item of $500.00 to cover travelling expenses not otherwise provided for. Both of these items have the approval of the Board on recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry. This makes a grand total of $21,955.00 as compared with $15,835.00 budgeted for the year 1946-47.

It will be further noted that the $21,955.00 which is budgeted for 1947-48 is $3,685.00 more than the amount of revenue budgeted for the same period, but to offset this we propose to take this balance from 1946-47 surplus.

Your Committee in their recommendations for 1947-48 expenditures deem it advisable to provide for an increase in the salary item from $5,500.00 to $6,500.00 in order to permit engaging extra help as required in the Grand Secretary's office during certain periods of the year, and made necessary on account of the increase in office routine due to increased activities of the several committees.

In conclusion, your Committee wish to express their sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother P. T. Pilkey, for his help and the efficient manner in which he has acted as Secretary of your Finance Committee; also our thanks to members of his staff who have been most co-operative at all times.

Statement of approximate Income and Expenditures for the year ending March 31st, 1948, is submitted for your consideration.

HARRY CODDINGTON,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3). Carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1947-48

Income		
Dues		$15,000.00
Initiations		1,400.00
M.M. Certificates		1,200.00
Past Master's Certificates		75.00
Life Member Certificates		60.00
Dispensations		35.00
Supplies		500.00
		$18,270.00
Expenditures		
Salaries		$ 6,500.00
Rent		1,200.00
Postage and Revenue Tax		350.00
Stationery and Office Supplies		600.00
Grand Master's Regalia		375.00
Grand Master's Expenses		800.00
Past Master's Certificates		50.00
Master Mason's Certificates		100.00
Condition of Freemasonry		
Rural Board Members, Hotel and Travelling Expenses	$ 1,100.00	
Deputation Work	500.00	
Travelling Expenses not otherwise provided for	500.00	
		2,100.00

Reprinting of Constitution and Amendments		1,200.00
Committee on Masonic Research and Education:		
Area Meetings	$ 600.00	
Library	1,680.00	
		2,200.00
Masonry in Manitoba		1,800.00
Unemployment Insurance		50.00
Exchange		30.00
Telephones and Telegraphs		125.00
Travelling and Banff Conference		500.00
Warning Circulars		35.00
Miscellaneous		300.00
Insurance		75.00
Grand Lodge Proceedings		800.00
Grand Lodge Communication		900.00
Auditors		200.00
Flowers and Christmas Cards		100.00
Grand Lodge Regalia		400.00
Furniture—Grand Lodge Board Room		515.00
All Canada Conference		350.00
Travelling Expenses—Grand Secretary		300.00
		$21,955.00

Total amount of Budget		$21,955.00
Total anticipated Income	$18,270.00	
Taken from surplus to balance	3,685.00	
		$21,955.00

Surplus on hand March 31st, 1947	$17,230.66
Less amount to balance 1947-48 Budget	3,685.00
Anticipated surplus as at March 31st, 1948	$13,545.66

R.W. Bro. Thos. Neville (1) expressed appreciation of the splendid reports submitted by the Grand Treasurer and the Committees on Investments and Finance, which revealed that the Grand Lodge Finances were in a healthy condition —a matter of gratification to the membership in Manitoba.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then made the following Declaration:

"Brethren, the time is now 3.15 p.m. and I declare the Ballot closed."

GREETINGS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. John Stormon, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and M.W. Bro. Theodore N. Engdahl, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota to address the brethren.

Each of these distinguished guests brought appropriate and friendly greetings from their respective Grand Lodges and were thanked by the M.W. Grand Master for their expressions of Good Will.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manioba.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to report as follows:

The year just closing has been a very busy one in this Grand Jurisdiction. There has been an almost unprecedented influx of new members. Young men particularly have knocked insistently at the doors of our temples. In the majority of cases they have been admitted, received in due form and brought to light. But they have not been content with merely receiving their degrees and the privilege of greeting hundreds of their fellowmen as brothers. They are enthusiastic and determined in their insistence for Masonic education and information. They have taken up the challenge of the Entered Apprentice Degree; "Be useful to mankind and . . . consider yourself called upon to make daily advancement in Masonic knowledge." They can do neither effectively without education and proper training.

Probably never before have the duties and responsibilities of the committee on Masonic Research and Education weighed so heavily. Never before has the necessity for wise planning of a programme of information on Masonic History, Philosophy and Teaching been more evident and real. Many of these young men joining our ranks are veterans, war weary. They have heard that Masonry offers a new way of life, a new basis of human relationship which needs neither rifle nor bayonet but the hand of fellowship and a heart full of love.

History of Masonry has its place in filling in the background of the Masonic picture but its value can easily be over estimated. What the young Mason of the present wants to know is what are the principles of Masonry; how are the symbols and allegories translated into modern living; what has Masonry to offer to make of the present day economy a world brotherhood; can we offer Masonry as a panacea for all the ills of the present day world; if so, what is the formula?

Your Committee on Research and Education has endeavored to answer some of these questions. It has discussed various plans for dispensing Masonic information. It has offered to send degree teams of skilled brethren, at the call of any lodge, to exemplify degree work. There has been practically no call for such service. Apparently lodge officers are jealous of their abilities and perhaps rightly so.

Your Committee has offered to send capable speakers out to address lodges on request—to speak on any subject of their choice, either in lodge or study group. Not more than two or three such calls were received and speakers supplied. Apparently that plan of information and education hasn't much appeal. In the average lodge, after the routine of business is over, invariably there is degree work. That done, its then too late to expect men to sit in comfort and listen to a speech, no matter how eloquent the speaker or interesting the subject matter.

About three years ago the Committe decided on a plan of printing a Masonic paper. The first year it went only to subscribers at a fee of 25 cents per annum. The paper proved its value as a medium of information; consequently, the second year, the committee decided the paper should go free of charge to every Mason in Manitoba along with his lodge notice. Here was a plan which had appeal principally because the paper could be pocketed when received and read, and even re-read at leisure. The present Committee decided last fall to increase the size of the paper from four to six pages. The change went into effect January 1st. We believe this plan to be very effective and much appreciated by the Masons of Manitoba. We believe it will continue to be popular so long as the subject matter is authentic, interesting and timely. The committee is fortunate in having an editor who appreciates the power of the pen and who can interpret Masonry in terms of everyday living.

A second plan initiated two years ago, which had the dual purpose of spreading Masonic knowledge and at the same time fostering good-fellowship was that of holding Area Meetings. Unlike district meetings, the area meetings cut across district lines, were far less formal yet far more informative. The Grand

Master and other Grand Lodge Officers attended the four Area Meetings held this year.

The general plan is to survey the Province as a whole and choose three or four lodges at strategic points to act as host lodges. Their accommodation should be such as to take care of an attendance of two hundred comfortably. The Master of a host lodge would invite any lodges he desired to attend and he would be in charge of the meeting and host at refreshment. The Grand Lodge would supply the programme and defray most of the expense of the meeting.

Four such meetings were held this year. The success of last year's Area Meetings brought increasing numbers out this year. All four meetings were well planned, well conducted and enthusiastically acclaimed to be outstanding successes. The Grand Master spoke at all the meetings. His address and the question and answer period were the highlights of each meeting. Much very valuable and interesting information came out of the question and answer period. At the Portage la Prairie meeting a group of Masons known as the "44 Club" of the 12th District presented a short play entitled "Harmony Being The Support," which illustrated in dramatic form many Masonic Truths. At the other three meetings addresses prepared by the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior Grand Warden for the Grand Master's Conference last fall were delivered by the authors. Both addresses were well received. As evidence of the keen interest taken in these Area Meetings, Masons travelled as much as a hundred miles or more to attend. Herewith are the names of the lodges which acted as hosts and their attendance record.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Portage la Prairie	184
Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105, Swan River	108
Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92, Shoal Lake	135
Reston Lodge No. 104, Reston	185

We wish to express our sincere thanks to these lodges for their hospitality and the efficient manner in which their Masters conducted the meetings.

A third plan, taken under consideration two years ago, was that of having synopses of the three degrees prepared and also papers on the examinations following the degrees. Synopses were prepared and submitted to the Board of Custodians of the Work for their approval. Not knowing the extent of the use to be made of these synopses they refused to approve of them as written, on grounds that they were too revealing of Masonic secrets. Therefore, they were returned to the Committee for revision. Your Committee, after much discussion, decided to abandon this plan for the present at least. In place of it, a system of instruction and information in pamphlet form, to be given to each candidate as he progressed through the degrees was considered. Such plans presently in use in many other Grand Jurisdictions were studied. Many pamphlets in use by them were examined and were found very interesting and informative; and with little difficulty, could be adapted to our work. The Committee, therefore, has decided that such a plan of instruction would meet the demands in this Grand Jurisdiction. Consequently, it has formally approved of a plan to provide instruction to candidates by issuing short pamphlets giving instruction before initiation and on the teachings of the dgrees when conferred. This Committee recommends to the incoming cmmittee the early completion of such a plan.

The Grand Lodge Library, which functions under this Committee, has served the Craft well under the capable direction of Most Worshipful Bro. Harry Woods as Librarian. We commend him for his work as librarian and also for his painstaking work as secretary of this Committee. In the hope of stimulating interest in the use of the library by a larger number of brethren your Committee has had printed library cards of which each lodge secretary has a supply. It is his duty to give a library card to each newly-raised brother and urge him to make use of it. For identification it will bear the names of the holder and his lodge secretary. Any member of any lodge who will make use of it is urged to get a library card from his secretary. The annual report of the Grand Librarian will follow as part of this report.

The year has come to a close and we have not done all we should like to have accomplished. We have held many meetings. Members of the Committee have attended faithfully and much valuable discussion took place. We have, Most Worshipful Sir, endeavored to carry on plans already initiated and to formulate new ones, designed to further the dissemination of Masonic knowledge and information, knowing full well the great need and the greater opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To Rt. Wor. D. Griffith, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education:

Dear Sir and R.W. Bro:

I beg to submit my Report as Grand Librarian, for the Masonic Year 1946-47.

It is pleasing to report that there has been an added interest in the Library during the past year. A list of the books and pamphlets distributed are given below. This shows an increase of one hundred and seventeen over the previous year.

Encyclopaedias	39
Annuals, Year Books	2
Societies, Transactions	2
History and Philosiphy	130
Symbolism	147
Church and State	2
Rites, Degrees, Manuals	50
Biography	6
History Geographical Divisions	20
General Works	4
Ceremonies	4
Jewels, Medals	1
Jurisprudence, etc.	1
Addresses, Lectures	38
Poetry and Drama	4
Music	1
Novels and Tales	34
General Works	1
Miscellaneous Non Masonry	19
	505
Proceedings	8
Magazines	18
Clippings	9
Bulletins	25
	60
Books purchased during the Masonic Year 1946-47	46
Books donated during the same period	13

Forty-six books have been added to the Library during the year by purchase, and thirteen have been donated during the same period. We sincerely thank the donors for their gifts. These have been duly classified and entered in the Library Accession Book.

We should like to draw the attention of the Brethren to the fact that this is their Library. It is for their use, and we want them to take full advantage of what we have to offer. A card of Membership has been prepared, giving Membership privileges in the Library to all Master Masons in Good Standing. A commodious Reading Room is provided and the Librarian is always available during office hours.

In this my first report, might I be permitted to enquire—"Why a Masonic Library?" An investigation into the apathy of such a large percentage of our Members might reveal the fact that it is in a large measure, due to the lack of knowledge of the Principles and Philosophy of Freemasonry. No one who has any comprehensive conception of Freemasonry ever loses interest, but, on the other hand as his knowledge progresses, his interest grows. From personal observations and experience, we feel convinced that without teaching and guidance, without study of Masonic Literature, without an appreciation of the Spiritual aspects of Freemasonry, the mere recital of the Ritual, however beautiful, or the carrying out of the Ceremonies, however impressive, can never advance our ideals.

We need an educational objective, and it is only through a "Reading" and an enlightened Membership that the Fraternity's objective can be realized. Freemasonry is a Progressive Science, and its objective can only be realized by Study and Research.

The Librarian, M.W. Bro. Woods, is doing a magnificent job. His courtesy, interest, and profound knowledge of Freemasonry is worthy of all praise, and we earnestly hope that he may be long spared to continue this work in the Masonic Field.

GEORGE HUNTER,
Grand Librarian.

R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138) moved that the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, including the Report of the Grand Librarian, be received and adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

At this time it is well, and fitting, that we should pause for a few moments to remember the passing since our last Communication of some 186 members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Some of these brethren had had the opportunity and the privilege of serving the Craft with distinction; many simply belonged to that great body of men who comprise the rank and file of the fraternity, men who will long be remembered by their "companions of former toil" and of course by those of even closer relationship.

This is not a time for mourning, but more for remembrance. We recall that it was Benjamin Franklin, himself a member of the craft, who penned the following words:

"Man is not 'completely born until he is dead. Why then, should we grieve that a new child is born among the immortals? That bodies should be lent us, while they can afford us pleasure, is a kind and benevolent act of God. When they become unfit for these purposes and afford us pain instead of pleasure, instead of an aid becoming an encumbrance, it is equally kind and benevolent that a way should be provided by which we may get rid of them. Death is that way.

"Our friends and we were invited abroad on a party of pleasure which is to last forever. Their chairs were ready first and they have gone before us. We could not all conveniently start together; and why should you and I be grieved at this, since we are soon to follow and know where to find them."

We would ask you all to stand a moment in silence to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. McMORRAN,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran (27), who moved that the Report be adopted by a standing vote of the brethren in respect to the memory of those who have passed on.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

At the last Communication of this Grand Lodge I was honored by being appointed Chairman of your Committee on Foreign Relations.

As the year has been a disturbed one to me in personal respects I have not been able to become as familiar with our work and interests in this Committee as I wished.

However, as I am now a permanent resident of Winnipeg I hope to improve in this respect if given an assignment in future

As may be readily understood the year has brought to the attention of your Committee many of the problems of Masonic Relationships in all parts of the world which are directly and indirectly the result of the war.

Most of these problems and difficulties demand our interest anxiety and sympathy but are of such a nature under present circumstances as to leave little, if any, room for our practical help.

No changes in our recognized Grand Lodges have been made or are recommended at present, and your Committee approach the new year with a hopeful prayer for Divine guidance to our great fraternity in its world-wide aspects, in its undoubtedly sincere efforts toward a solidarity based upon peace and harmony.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. HENDERSON,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1). Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of this Committee, R.W. Bro. Kenneth R. Kennedy (4). the vice-Chairman, M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) reported briefly. Brother Kennedy had been in poor health for the past year. The Committee had met and considered some matters carefully. Brother Parker expressed what he was sure would be the thought of Grand Lodge, sympathy for Brother Kennedy in his illness and to record the earnest hope of this Grand Lodge that Brother Kennedy, who has been a valuable member of this Grand Lodge and a zealous and efficient worker in all the duties he has undertaken, would soon be restored to health and strength.

This report was received, adopted and carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR EFFORT

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) reported that the balance in the bank under the caption "Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons "War Effort Fund" had been transferred to a Trust Account known as the "War Relief Fund Trust Account," that a Certificate to this effect had been forwarded to the Department of National Health and Welfare, War Charities Division, Ottawa, and that there will be no further activities in this behalf and all authority under the War Charities Act to solicit funds for War Charity purposes is at an end, and the Administrative Committee of the Grand Lodge is released from any further responsibilities under the War Charities Act.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), who moved that this report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25). Carried.

GREETINGS

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, then called on M.W. Bro. Carsten L. Jacobson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Tate, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to say a few words of greetings to the brethren.

This was ably done by each of these Distinguished Guests, and the Grand Master thanked them for their kindly greetings and best wishes.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 4.40 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, to reconvene at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the final session.

CORRECTION

The following resolution was inadvertently omitted from the record, and should be inserted in the Minutes on Page 734 of the Proceedings immediately 'following the report of the Election Committee.

Moved by M.W. Bro. George Hunter, seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, that the Committee on Research and Education be requested to take all necessary steps for the purpose of having the addresses of the Grand Historian printed, and published in permanent form. Carried.

P. T. P.

Thursday, June 5th, 1947.

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Distinguished Visitors entered the Lodge Room, the Brethren singing the processional Hymn, "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven."

Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, called Grand Lodge from Refreshment to Labor at 8.00 p.m. with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

At this point Bro. W. Davidson Thomson rendered a very delightful solo, and was thanked by the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his fine entertainment.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 103 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, 91 Lodges represented by one or more of their three Principal Officers, 12 Lodges unrepresented are, namely:

King Solomon Lodge No. 8
Morden Lodge No. 13
Doric Lodge No. 36
Birtle Lodge No. 39
Killarney Lodge No. 50
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74
Russell Lodge No. 62
Midlothian Lodge No. 90
Rivers Lodge No. 115
Roblin Lodge No. 122
Sprague Lodge No. 132
Harmony Lodge No. 142
Jubilee Lodge No. 147

Ninety-three Lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and 5 have neither Past Master nor Officer present, namely:

Birtle Lodge No. 39
Killarney Lodge No. 50
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74
Rivers Lodge No. 115
Harmony Lodge No. 142

There were present:

Past Masters	503	
Worshipful Masters	78	
Senior Wardens	56	
Junior Wardens	44	
		681
Registered:		
Master Masons	96	
Visitors	23	
		119
Total		800

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRANT,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3). Carried.

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	1	18	21
2	Lisgar	1		1	7	9
3	Ancient Landmark	1	1	1	13	16
4	St. John's	1	1	1	19	22
6	Emerson	1	1		4	6
7	Assiniboine	1	1	1	9	12
8	King Solomon				3	3
10	Northern Light		1	1	7	9
11	Gladstone	1		1	6	8
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	10	13
13	Morden				1	1
14	Prince of Wales	1		1	6	8
15	Corinthian	1	1		3	5
19	Brandon			1	5	6
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	6	9
25	Ionic	1		1	16	18
27	Glenwood	1	1	1	7	10
29	Carberry	1			3	4
30	Manitou		1		3	4
36	Doric				5	5
39	Birtle					
40	Deloraine	1			2	3
43	Lebanon	1	1		8	10
44	Oak Lake	1	1		2	4
48	Glenboro	1	1		3	5
49	Temple	1	1	1	9	12
50	Killarney					
51	Treherne	1			3	4
52	Hartney	1			3	4
54	Oriental	1	1	1	4	7
55	East Star	1			5	6
62	Russell				2	2
63	Holland	1	1	1		3
64	Composite	1		1	7	9
67	Wawanesa	1	1	1	5	8
68	Vermillion	1	1		2	4
70	Shiloh	1	1	1	6	9
71	Crystal	1		1	2	4
74	Elkhorn					
75	Gothic		1		5	6
77	Napinka	1			2	3
82	Cypress	1		1	3	5
84	Hamiota	1			2	3
86	Elgin		1		6	7
87	Rathwell	1	1	1	1	4
90	Midlothian				8	8
92	Shoal Lake		1		2	3
93	King Edward	1	1	1	17	20
94	Hiram	1			3	4
100	Robbie Burns		1			1
101	Binscarth		1			1
102	Miniota	1	1	1	4	7

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
103	Crescent	1	1		6	8
104	Reston	1			5	6
105	Prince Arthur	1		1	3	5
106	Strathclair	1			4	5
107	Lansdowne	1			3	4
108	Union	1		1	4	6
109	Swan Lake	1	1		2	4
110	Kilwinning		1	1	1	3
111	Acacia	1	1	1	10	13
112	Ophir	1			1	2
113	Tweed	1	1		8	10
114	"The Assiniboine"	1		1	12	14
115	Rivers					
116	St. Andrew's	1			2	3
117	Strathcona	1			3	4
118	Mound	1	1			2
119	Norwood	1	1	1	18	21
120	Penza	1	1	1	6	9
121	St. James	1	1		6	8
122	Roblin				1	1
123	Transcona	1	1		13	15
124	The Pas	1			1	2
125	Patricia	1			4	5
126	Favel	1			2	3
127	Empire	1	1	1	7	10
128	Victory	1	1		1	3
130	Fort Garry	1	1	1	6	9
131	Kildonan	1	1	1	8	11
132	Sprague				1	1
133	McCreary	1				1
134	Stony Mountain	1	1		7	9
136	Capitol			1	7	8
137	Lord Selkirk	1	1	1	7	10
138	Windsor	1	1	1	7	10
139	Beaver	1	1		8	10
140	Meridian	1	1	1	11	14
141	Tuscan	1	1	1	4	7
142	Harmony					
143	Mt. Sinai	1	1	1	15	18
144	Fort Osborne	1	1		2	4
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	1	1	5	8
146	Fidelity	1			4	5
147	Jubilee				2	2
148	Seven Oaks		1	1	5	7
150	Cartwright	1				1
151	The Dormer	1		1	5	7
152	Foxwarren		1	1		2
153	Flin Flon	1	1		1	3
154	Pine Falls	1	1		3	5
155	Carman	1	1		3	5
156	Manitouwapa	1			2	3
	Totals	78	56	44	503	681

In the absence of R.W. Brother Rev. E. A. Syms, through illness, M.W. Bro. Archdeacon George R. Calvert very kindly addressed Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Calvert spoke on the subject "Essentials for Peace." The address was listened to with rapt attention and was followed by enthusiastic applause. The Most Worshipful Grand Master thanked M.W. Brother Calvert for his Address and for his gracious and willing acceptance of this responsibility on such short notice.

The Grand Chaplain had prepared an address and the Grand Secretary was requested to have it included in the published Proceedings. His address follows:

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Offcers, and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In considering the presentation of the Grand Chaplain's address at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I began first to ask myself what I would like to speak about. But there was nothing in that category that would satisfy me. After some thinking I was confronted with the question, "What is your duty in addressing Grand Lodge as its Grand Chaplain? What does Freemasonry demand of you; and what would the brethren derive most benefit from?" So, in all sincerity, I now present my humble contribution, brief though it be, in answer to those two questions.

It is my duty, as I see it, to direct the thoughts of the brethren under the Light of the Most High, to meditate upon some of the issues that confront the world today, and to make an honest endeavour to guide our steps toward the achievement of solving at least some of the problems.

Freemasonry is a world-order with a world-influence; and I am convinced that if the individual members would but reasonably live up to their obligation, the solution of world-problems would be much more easily established.

In the Craft, we enjoy a rich and beautiful ritual of ceremony. Beautiful in the ritualistic side of our work; rich in meaning and interpretation. The beauty attracts us to a participation in the labour of Lodge meetings.

The meaning and interpretation of things Masonic, affords us ample means for the doing of those things that make life worthwhile for those who otherwise would lose their way in the labyrinth of doubts, misgivings, misunderstandings, and fears, outside of the Lodge.

To many of us are content with only a knowledge of the ritual. That is an empty thing, after all. It has no life, and therefore is dead. But Freemasonry is alive; is full of life; lives and must be lived. It is therefore necessary that we understand its meaning, and, in our daily lives present our interpretation, for the enlightenment of our fellow-man.

But some will say, "This is a secret organization, we cannot make known to the world." The Most High says, "A light is not lighted to be hid." It is so placed that men may see, not merely that which is in the immediate vicinity of the Light, but that which is to be found within the farthest range of the effectiveness of that Light. Therefore the Great Light should illuminate not only the interior of the Lodge, but also as far beyond the confines of the Lodge as the individual members travel.

There are two ways of treating those things that are revealed. First: avoiding those things that are dangerous and admiring those things that are good; or, secondly removing those things that are dangerous and developing those things that are good. This latter action demands sacrifice upon the part of the individual member. Sacrifice demands courage, fortitude, strength and patience.

If these be exercised the member is by far the better for the effort expended. If the member is better, the lodge derives benfit. If the Lodge benefits then the Craft as a whole, has its infiuence increased in effectiveness. If the Craft as a whole enjoys increased effectiveness, then the impact is bound to be felt in all world-questions.

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart, and soul, and mind, and strength,
To serve the King of Kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of Brotherhood
And end the night of wrong."

Brethren! Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and give glory to the Most High in the Grand Lodge above.

MOTION RE HONORARY RANK

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Two years have passed since V-E Day, and peace is not yet achieved. All around us, men and Nations are striving to obtain material and economic advantages, in the final adjustment of world affairs. Within the Temples of Masonry, Masons still foster and cherish those great moral truths and principles, which, if accepted and adopted by the contending Nations, would quickly resolve all the problems, both of peace and war. The acceptance and adoption of these great truths seems still to be far in the future, but some day they will be an accomplished fact.

We sense that, in the continuation and the expansion of the Fraternal relations between the various Sovereign Grand Lodges of our beloved Order and in the resultant friendships among their Members regardless of territorial environment. The contacts of many years, between the Grand Lodges of North Dakota and Manitoba have long since eliminated all such things as differences of opinion and border lines and the like, and united our Brethren in bonds of real affection and Brotherly love.

Today, it is the privilege of our Grand Lodge to honor a distinguished Member of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in the person of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. John Storman. M.W. Bro. Storman has been attending our Communications for years, since he was Master in his Craft Lodge. He has risen to eminence in the Craft. He is with us again today.

From our daughter Grand Lodge on the West, Saskatchewan, we have two distinguished Brethren in the persons of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master W. L. Klink, and Most Worshipful Brother William Bradshaw Tate. Most Worshipful Brother Tate is the Dean of Saskatchewan Grand Masters and the Grand Secretary emeritus of that Grand Jurisdiction. His contribution to Freemasonry needs no extolling. The proud record of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan is, in no small measure, due to the unselfish constructive service, down through the years, of M.W. Bro. Tate.

It is with real pleasure therefore, that I now move that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., do hereby confer upon Most Worshipful Brother John Storman of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and Most Worshipful Brother William B. Tate of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Presented by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25). Carried.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

M.W. Bro. John Stormon, Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, thanked the Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren for the honor conferred on him, which he greatly appreciated.

M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Tate, P.G.M: of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, also thanked the Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren for this gracious honor, which he was very pleased to receive.

As a last official act, before calling for the Report of the Scrutineers, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, Grand Master, presented to the District Deputy Grand Masters of his year, Certificates conferring on each of them the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master, expressing to them his thanks for their co-operation and loyalty. The Grand Master also presented Certificates to each of the Appointed Officers and conferred on each of them the rank of "Very Worshipful" and in so doing, expressed his appreciation of the service they had rendered during the past year.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTIONS
1947-48

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the Annual Election of Officers and eight members to the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Harry B. Donnelly was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Walter C McDonald was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of Harry Coddington was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN three names were submitted in nomination, i.e:

Charles E. Cole
Gordon A. McMorran
Edward J. Smillie

The number of ballots cast was 667 of which 662 were valid. (5 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 332. Brother Cole received the necessary number of votes to elect.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of Alexander Burgess was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY the name of Peter T. Pilkey was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN the name of E. A. Syms was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES the name of Hugh A. Innes was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of George Hunter was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES fifteen names were submitted for eight vacancies (two year term) i.e:

John Bate
Fred H. Blythe
Harry H. Gray
Harry J. Harrod
Geo. V. Henderson
A. S. McCann
David McKay
Chas. A. Midwinter
W. A. Prugh
S. W. Robertson
Robert W. Ross
J. W. Tackaberry
A. E. Thompson
H. T. Waters
A. E. Weidman

The number of ballots cast was 667 of which 661 were valid. (6 were spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 74. The following named brethren received the required quota or an equivalent to eleect:

1. John Bate
2. Fred. H. Blythe
3. Geo. V. Henderson
4. A. S. McCann
5. David McKay
6. C. A. Midwinter
7. W. A. Prugh
8. H. T. Waters

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District four names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

R. Fletcher Argue
Frank Davey
Jas. V. Dillabough
John R. Gray

The number of ballots cast was 173 of which 172 were valid. (1 was spoiled). The necessary Quota to elect was 87. Brother Argue received the quota.

Second Masonic District the name of R. J. Wallace was the only one submitted in nomination.

Third Masonic District the name of Jas. H. Hamilton was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fourth Masonic District the name of Henry R. Lawson was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fifth Masonic District the name of E. H. Clark was the only one submitted in nomination.

Sixth Masonic District the name of Harry L. Morrow was the only one submitted in nomination.

Seventh Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

James W. Broach
R. J. Timms

The number of ballots cast was 44 of which 43 were valid. (1 was spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 22. Brother Timms received the quota.

Eighth Masonic District the name of Wallace W. Casson was the only one submitted in nomination.

Ninth Masonic District the name of C. F. Drager was the only one submitted in nomination.

Tenth Masonic District two names were submitted in nimination, i.e.:

David Ferguson
Lewis E. Gendron

The number of ballots cast was 88 of which 87 were valid. (1 was spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 44. Brother Ferguson received the quota.

Twelfth Masonic District the name of William F. Kerby was the only one submitted in nomination.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3). Carried.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, thanked M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas and his Committee for their splendid work regarding the elections and declared the several Officers of Grand Lodge and the members of the Board of General Purposes duly elected, in terms of the Committee's report.

Installation Hymn—"A Charge I Have to Keep".

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, our Grand Master (113), called on M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), to assume the gavel and install the Officers of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), then called on R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), the Grand Director of Ceremonies, to assist him.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, were duly installed in office, with the exception of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Historian and the Grand Organist, who were re-elected to their respective Grand Lodge Offices:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1947-48

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)	St. Vital
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)	Roland
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7)	Portage la Prairie
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms (117)	Souris
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. Wm. H. Yarwood (102)	Miniota
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. A. Huddlestone (137)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)	St. James
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. John Norquay (2)	Winnipeg
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon (130)	Winnipeg
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. A. E. Baragar (103)	Elm Creek
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4)	Winnipeg

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. F. Argue (25)	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. J. Wallace (75)	Austin
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. J. H. Hamilton (48)	Glenboro
4th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. R. Lawson (30)	Manitou
5th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Clark (14)	Minnedosa
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. L. Morrow (54)	Melita
7th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms (43)	Virden
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. W. Casson (120)	Greenridge
9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. C. F. Drager (128)	Benito
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. D. Ferguson (156)	Moosehorn
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. F. Kerby (145)	Sturg. Creek

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Deputy Grand Master, St. Vital

VICE-PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), Senior Grand Warden, Winnipeg

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (10), Past Grand Master, Edmonton
M.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Past Grand Master . . Vancouver
M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher (10), Past Grand Master . . . . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway (71), Past Grand Master, Crystal City
M.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (19), Past Grand Master . . Brandon
M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major (25), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing (51), Past Grand Master . . Treherne
M.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), Past Grand Master . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), Past Grand Master . . . . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), Past Grand Master . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. George Hunter (40 and 10), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. N. J. Black (3), Past Grand Master . . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90), Past Grand Master . . . . . . St. Vital
M.W. Bro. Jas. Mackie (4), Past Grand Master . . . . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Geo. N. Weir (No. 60, G.R.S.) Hon. P.G.M. . . . Victoria
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), Past Grand Master . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), Past Grand Master . . . . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), Past Grand Master . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins (68), Past Grand Master . . Dauphin
M.W. Bro. Wm. D. Lawrence (25), Past Grand Master . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), Past Grand Master . . St. James
M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon G. R. Calvert (1), P.G.M. . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Judge S. H. Fahrni (11), P.G.M. . . . Portage la Prairie
M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), Past Grand Master . . . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), Past Grand Master . St. Vital
M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey (25), Past Grand Master . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), Past Grand Master . . . Brandon
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), Junior Grand Warden, Portage la Prairie
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), Grand Treasurer . . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25), Grand Secretary . . . . Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms (117), Grand Chaplain . . . . Souris
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), G.D. of Ceremonies . . . Winnipeg

W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), Honorary Member	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), Honorary Member	Brandon
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143), Honorary Member	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue (25), D.D.G.M. 1st. Mas. Dis.	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. R. J. Wallace (75), D.D G.M. 2nd Mas. Dis.	Austin
R.W. Bro. James H. Hamilton (48), D.D.G.M. 3rd Mas. Dis.	Glenboro
R.W. Bro. W. R. Lawson (30), D.D.G.M. 4th Mas. Dis.	Manitou
R.W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Clark (14), D.D.G.M. 5th Mas. Dis.	Minnedosa
R.W. Bro. Harry L. Morrow (54) D.D.G.M. 6th Mas. Dis.	Melita
R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms (43), D.D.G.M. 7th Mas. Dis.	Virden
R.W. Bro. Wm. W. Casson (120), D G.G.M. 8th Mas. Dis.	Greenridge
R.W. Bro. C. F. Drager (128), D.G.G.M 9th Mas. Dis.	Benito
R.W. Bro. David Ferguson (156), D.D.G M. 10th, Mas. Dis.	Moosehorn
R.W. Bro. Wm. F. Kerby (145), D.D.G.M 12th Mas. Dis.	Sturgeon Creek

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1946

For a Two-Year Term.

R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2)	Selkirk
R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24)	Neepawa
R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower (67)	Wawanesa
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope (127)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Geo. P. Fairbairn (130)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Dave Griffith (138)	St Vital

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For a Two-Year Term.

R.W. Bro. Dr. A. S. McCann (4)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters (25)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. John Bate (50)	Killarney
R.W. Bro. Geo. V. Henderson (106)	Strathclair
R.W. Bro. Chas. A. Midwinter (111)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)	Brandon
R.W. Bro. David MacKay (140)	Winnipeg
V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93)	Winnipeg

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The centre name in the first line is Chairman of the Committee, 1947-48

JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh

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M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
M.W. Bro. Sam. Burland
R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes
V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe

CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate
R.W. Bro. David Griffith
R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
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R.W. Bro. David MacKay
R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle
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V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe

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M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson

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R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
W. Bro. J. F. Irwin

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters

R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower

FRATERNAL DEAD

R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms

M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher
M.W. Bro. Sam. Burland
R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
W. Bro. J. F. Irwin

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FINANCE

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington

R.W. Bro. Alex Burgess
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes
R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle
R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant

BENEVOLENCE

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
M.W. Bro. Geo. R. Calvert
M.W. Bro. George Hunter
M.W. Bro. W. J. Major

INVESTMENTS

M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
R.W. Bro. Alex Burgess
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington

CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION

M.W. Bro. J. C. Grant

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
R.W. Bro. David MacKay
R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr

RECEPTION AND ARRANGEMENTS

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
M.W. Bro. W. J. Major

CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green

M.W. Bro. N. J. Black
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate
R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower
R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR EFFORT

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson

The Grand Master, President of the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Secretary are, ex-officio, members of all Committees

FORM OF BEQUEST

FOR THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

The following form of Bequest may be used by any Brother desiring to bequeath any sum for the benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge:

"I give unto my Executor or Executors the sum of ....($) upon trust to pay the same to the Grand Secretary for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, for the purposes and benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the said Grand Lodge, and I declare that the receipt for such sum, of the said Grand Secretary shall be an absolute discharge for such payment.

....Signed."

The Lodge Secretary will bring this to the attention of the brethren either at the Lodge Meeting or in the Monthly Notice.

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, retiring Grand Master, presented M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, newly installed Grand Master with a Grand Master's Apron on behalf of the Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Donnelly suitably acknowledged the Regalia of Office in a brief address, expressing his sincere thanks of the honor conferred upon him, and his acknowledgment of the responsibilities of the office, stating that during his year of office he would give of his very best to the service of the Craft, and solicited the co-operation of the members of Grand Lodge to make the year before us a year of real progress throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master then addressed M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan in a few well chosen words of congratulation and thanks for his service to the Grand Lodge for the past year, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge presented him with a Past Master's Jewel, for which M.W. Bro. Donovan expressed his thanks.

M.W. Bro. Donnelly thanked the Grand Installing Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130) and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), for the beauty and dignity with which they had conducted the Installation Ceremony.

R.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole (7), newly elected Junior Grand Warden, thanked Grand Lodge, on behalf of the newly elected Officers, for the confidence expressed in their election, and R.W. Bro. W. F. Kerby, D.D.G.M. of the Twelfth Masonic District, on behalf of the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters promised full support to the Grand Master in discharging their duties in the best interests of the Craft.

V.W. Brother E. A. Baragar, on behalf of the appointed officers, thanked the Grand Master for having appointed him to office in Grand Lodge. They were looking forward to the pleasure of working with the Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge Officers in the best interests of the Fraternity.

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide With Me."

The business of the Seventy-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, having been completed, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form by the newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry B. Donnelly, with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain, at 10.30 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

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Grand Secretary

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worship Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you for your approval, my report as your representative for the First Masonic District for the year 1946-1947.

I appointed W. Bro. E. Howard Brown, St. John's Lodge No. 4, as my Secretary and W. Bro. Herbert Mitchison, Norwood Lodge No. 119, as Chaplain. These brethren with V.W. Bro. W. Percy White, St. John's Lodge No. 4, who was elected Treasurer, constituted the District Officers for the year.

In order that the various Masters become better acquainted, and have an opportunity of assisting each other in solving their various problems, I held two supper meetings in the Masonic Temple in September and October to which all Masters, Wardens and Secretaries were invited. At these meetings all problems of importance were brought up and the programme of our District Meeting was discussed. The attendance was excellent and great interest was shown. The same procedure was followed in the early part of 1947, and we have arranged to have our final District Meeting June 4th, as a supper meeting at the hotel before Grand Lodge re-convenes in the evening, to get a better attendance and review our work. I am of the opinion that these meetings were of great benefit to all concerned as they brought together the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries and gave them an excellent opportunity for interchange of ideas.

My official visits were made as follows:

Tuesday, October 1st, 1946	"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114
Wednesday, October 9th, 1946	St. James Lodge No. 121
Thursday, October 10th, 1946	Norwood Lodge No. 119
Wednesday, October 16th, 1946	King Edward Lodge No. 93
Monday, October 28th, 1946	Empire Lodge No. 127
Monday, January 6th, 1947	Ionic Lodge No. 25
Thursday, January 16th, 1947	Northern Light Lodge No. 10
Tuesday, January 21st, 1947	Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1
Wednesday, February 5th, 1947	St. John's Lodge No. 4

Wednesday, February 12th, 1947 . . Acacia Lodge No. 111
Monday, February 17th, 1947
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3

On all my Official Visits, I was accompanied by a large number of Masters, Past Masters, and Grand Lodge Officers, and was always received with Grand Honors and given a very cordial welcome. On every occasion I was assured of the very high esteem and affection, in which you were held by the respective Lodges, all of which was very evident. I only witnessed Degree Work on two of these evenings, as I expressed my desire that no Degree Work be done on regular nights, that this meeting, where at all possible, be left open for other matters of importance such as instruction of the brethren in Masonic matters and Masonic addresses. As in my opinion no address of any importance should be given after 10:00 p.m., if it is to receive the attention and hearing it should and the thoughts carried away as intended.

On my Official Visits I gave each lodge a short and different address on some appropriate Masonic subject, which was always well received and close attention given. These subjects are reported in my Lodge reports. I made a second and to some a third visit to witness Degree work and might say it was well done in each case, showing that the officers were interested in this part of their work making the degrees very impressive.

In addition to my casual visits, I attended a number of special meetings such as "Canadian Night" at "The Assiniboine" Lodge; "Manitoba Night" St. John's Lodge; "Memorial Service" Ionic Lodge; "New Year's Reception" Norwood Lodge; "Irish Night", at King Edward Lodge; "Special Night," at Prince Rupert's Lodge; at which R.W. Bro. Archdeacon Gower-Rees, delivered a powerful Masonic address; District Meeting No. 3, Treherne; The 70th Anniversary, Emerson Lodge No. 6; The 25th Anniversary, Windsor Lodge No. 138; The District meeting, Twelfth Masonic District as well as several "Ladies' Nights" and At Homes and Banquets, which were very fine affairs of a high order and served a very special Masonic purpose.

Arrangements have been made to hold our annual Divine Service in Westminster United Church on Sunday Morning, April 27, 1947, at 11:00 a.m. This service will be conducted by Bro. Dr. E. M. Howse, all lodges have been notified early and we expect a record attendance and we know we will all receive a very instructive and intellectual address on this occasion.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Tuesday, October 29, 1946, at 8:00 p.m. sharp. It was well attended and great interest shown. Important matters were discussed, such as—(1) Conducting the business of the lodge; (2) Our recent Initiates; (3) Why do men become Masons; (4) My reaction to reading Grand Lodge proceedings 1946; The subjects were especially well taken up by the Masters, recent Past Masters and a Senior Warden, and I wish now to congratulate them on the splendid way in which they took hold of their subjects, also give them credit for the splendid and successful meeting. To my old friend W. Bro. Dr. Samuel Elkin was presented his 50 Year Jewel by you, Sir. The evening was crowned a success by your own gracious presence and the very excellent address you gave us, which we all very much appreciated and enjoyed.

OBSERVATIONS

(1). Regular Meetings. This meeting is the one important night of each month and it should be made so, and not crammed with Degree work each night, even in these times when so many applicants are asking for admission. This really applies to the city lodges, where an emergent night can be arranged in most cases. In the country lodges it may be different on account of the long distances members have to come and other reasons, but even then a few meetings can be reserved for real Masonic instruction and Light. I recommend that an hour be given at Grand Lodge Communication for the discussion of this matter, which in my opinion is of vital importance if we are to progress Masonically.

(2). Investigation. At present the investigation of applicants to the Order is not nearly thorough enough. The telephone is too frequently resorted to instead of personal contact. Objections, when received by a lodge are passed up and not gone into thoroughly, lack of interest on the part of the Masters, Secretaries and committees happens too often. I has been strongly brought to my notice this year. It is QUALITY, not QUANTITY we want and the Masters, Secretaries and committees should be impressed and instructed on the importance of this matter.

(3). The Master's Page. A great opportunity for the Masters to get across a real massage to the members of his lodge, no matter where they reside. It can be an insert or a special master s page in the lodge notice, reserved for that purpose. It is done in some lodges now with fine results.

(4). The Junior Warden. We are told in the constitution—that the Junior Warden is in charge of the craft during the refresehment hour and when lodge is not in session. Yet it only applies in few lodges. According to this the Junior Warden should be chairman and have complete charge of the refreshment hour at all times with the approval of the Master. This gives the Master the opportunity of being the real Host he should be to his guests, distinguished and otherwise, and has great merit for the betterment of the lodge and Masonry.

(5). Prayer in Closing. This is an important matter, considering the meaning of Masonry and that we are a Religious Order. Some lodges do not do this. It should be compulsory, if we ask for guidance to carry on the business of the Lodge, surely we need guidance while away from the lodge influence.

(6), A Lodge of Education. I would suggest that a lodge of Education be formed in the very near future. It could be the same as any other Lodge, except that there need be no Initiation fees, or any degree work be done. Any Master Mason in good standing could join, but it would be mostly for the instruction of junior officers and Master Masons in things Masonic. It would also serve to have Master Masons do some research work and give them an opportunity to tell their findings at meetings and pass them on to their own lodges. It would be a good training ground for new officers and give them guidance and knowledge and go a long way to making better and more efficient Masters. To begin with it would be a good idea to limit membership to say fifty and increase as interest is shown. This in my opinion is a great need in this jurisdiction.

(7). District Deputy Grand Masters. I would suggest that this year or next at the latest that the District Deputy Grand Master be elected a year ahead of taking office, calling him District Deputy Grand Master-Elect, to take office a year later. He would then have ample time to prepare himself and arrange his year's work in a proper way and give better service. This is a very important office. Without proper preparation, or knowledge of his real duties he is asked to run for this office, we should remember that the best Masons do not always expect to be asked to run for office. The Deputy Grand Master has three years in which to prepare, yet the District Deputy, who is of importance, next to the Grand Master himself has only three months. I strongly recommend this change as I believe it will be a great benefit to Masonry in many ways, also give a higher grade of District Deputy Grand Master.

(8). New Masons. From September 1st, 1944, to March 31st, 1947, we have received into the lodges of this District 268 new members between the ages of 21 and 35 years. Here is one of the greatest opportunities to make real Masons. At present what are we offering them besides degree work? Although this is important, it is not nearly enough if we are to hold them and make good and useful Masons out of them. A lodge as I mentioned above or a strong committee of intelligent Masons on Education should be formed in each lodge under the direction of Grand Lodge on a Lodge of Education before these young Masons drift into the so-called higher bodies or become indifferent to their great duty to the Craft. We have much for all Masons to do if only our Great Teachings and Principles are impressed on them early, not only in the Craft but in their duty to the Community.

I wish to thank and pay tribute to the courtesy and kindness of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Librarian, who at all times were ready and willing to give counsel and in many ways rendered assistance when called upon.

I desire also to place on record my deep appreciation and thanks to the District Officers, V.W. W. Percy White, Treasaurer; W. Bro. Herbert Mitchison, Chaplain; and to W. Bro. Howard Brown, my untiring Secretary, all performed their duties in a very efficient, helpful and capable manner; to W. Bro. Ned Boyle who accompanied me on practically all of my visitations and who acted as my master of ceremonies; to R.W. Bro. James Wardrope, immediate Past D.D.G.M. and that old and faithful friend and 50-year Mason Bro. Archie Muggach, and to the various Grand Lodge Officers, Masters and Past Masters who accompanied me in such large numbers on my visits.

In conclusion I wish to express to the brethren of the Masonic District deep gratitude for the great honor they conferred upon me in electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master, and I assure you and them, Most Worshipful Sir, that it has been one of the greatest pleasures to serve in that capacity during the year 1946-1947 and I acknowledge having received the fullest support and co-operation at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. McCANN,
First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor as your representative to submit for your approval, my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District for the term 1946-47.

I have had a most pleasant task while making my official visits to the following lodges:

Assiniboine No. 7, Portage la Prairie,	October 21st, 1946
Gladstone No. 11, Gladstone	October 14th, 1946
Neepawa No. 24, Neepawa	December 10th, 1946
Carberry No. 29, Carberry	April 29th, 1947
Temple No. 49, MacGregor	November 19th, 1946
Gothic No. 75, Austin	December 11th, 1946
Union No. 108, Brookdale	November 7th, 1946
St. Andrew's No. 116, Wellwood	November 11th, 1946
McCreary No. 133, McCreary	October 10th, 1946

I was favored and indeed very fortunate in having the assistance of W. Bro. C. P. Rogers as District Secretary. I also felt honored to have R.W. Bro. Wm Cairns of Temple Lodge as District Chaplain, and while he was not able to act as Chaplain at the District Meeting, his presence was an inspiration to those in attendance.

On each official visit I was accompanied by a goodly number of Brethren from my Mother Lodge to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for their generous support during my term of office and I would like to acknowledge, with thanks to all the lodges in the District, the fine spirit of co-operation that has prevailed in all my visits.

I had intended at the outset to visit each Lodge at least twice but owing to the severe winter, road conditions and the busy season, I have only been able to make four extra visits in the allotted time which has seemed all too short.

I found in all lodges a decided increase in membership and degree teams quite busy, in some cases carrying their activities well into the next day. I would recommend that more Emergent meetings be held to overcome the crowding of too much degree work into one meeting, both for the good of the Candidates and all Brethren concerned.

The District Meeting at Carberry on October 2nd, was well attended with a total of 138 registered. The afternoon session was mainly concerned with the affairs of the District and provided many interesting and lively discussions. The Banquet which followed was provided by the Ladies of the Carberry brethren. The evening session was devoted to the reception of the Grand Lodge Officers which included M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, V.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe and V.W. Bro. A. Clark. Our Grand Master delighted all present with a very fine address which was followed by remarks by all the Grand Lodge Officers present.

I have noticed in making my visits that many of the Lodges have redecorated or made alterations to their lodge rooms which shows progress as well as being pleasing to the eye. McCreary Lodge No. 133 has really taken a step forward in the erection of a new home and when completed will compare favorably with any Lodge in our District. These brethren are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Although membership has increased in the District, several brethren have been called to their reward and will be sadly missed. Among these was R.W. Bro. H. T. Trethewey of Temple Lodge No. 49.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of this District for the confidence they expressed in electing me to this office and to you M.W. Sir, for your confirmation of same. I hope and trust that any efforts I have made for the good of this District will meet with your approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Fraternally yours,

W. M. FROOM,
D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I regard it an honor and privilege to submit, for your consideration and approval my report as District Deputy for the Third Masonic District for the year 1946-1947.

After your confirmation of my appointment I selected W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman as District Secretary and Bro. Rev. William Bill as District Chaplain, both of Treherne Lodge No. 51.

Our first visit was to a most pleasing and happy event—the 50th Anniversary of Holland Lodge No. 63 held on June 10th, 1946. A dinner and excellent programme featured the occasion. A gold-mounted cane was presented by R.W. Bro. C. Wiechman of Treherne Lodge No. 51 to R.W. Bro. F. H. Dagg of Holland Lodge No 63, as a token of appreciation for his thirty-three years of continuous service as Secretary of Holland Lodge. Among the many visitors were R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Senior Grand Warden, and R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms, Grand Chaplain.

The District meeting was held in Treherne on July 26th, 1946, and despite very warm weather there was a record attendance of 140; all lodges in the district were well represented. Among Grand Lodge officers present were the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Bro. M. S. Donovan, R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master; M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms, Grand Chaplain; R.W. Bro A. S. McCann, D.D.G.M. First District; R.W. Bro. H. H. Gray, D.D.G.M. Twelfth District. The register carried the names of many distinguishad visitors from Winnipeg and surrounding districts.

The afternoon session dealt with routine District business. Following the luncheon, The Most Worshipful the Grand Master gave a very interesting and instructive address. He was followed by addresses from other Grand Lodge officers. We think that this meeting was a real success and much appreciated by all present.

My Official visits to the various Lodges, on which I was accompanied on all occasions by W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. Wm. Bill, District Chaplain, were held as follows:

October 8th, 1946	Strathcona Lodge No. 117
November 4th, 1946	Wawanesa Lodge No. 67
November 6th, 1946	Swan Lake Lodge No. 109
November 7th, 1946	Cypress Lodge No. 82
November 12th, 1946	Glenboro Lodge No. 48
December 3rd, 1946	Rathwell Lodge No. 87
December 4th, 1946	Crescent Lodge No. 103
December 6th, 1946	Treherne Lodge No. 51
December 11th, 1946	Holland Lodge No. 63

At every meeting I received a very cordial welcome and found every lodge active and filling its place as a power in the community. All lodges but one show a marked increase in membership and the one exception granted five dimits to members who had left the district.

On the second visit to Wawanesa Lodge No. 67 on April 28th, 1947, we were very pleased to find the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Bro. M. S. Donovan and suite present and again, on the following night at Strathcona Lodge No. 117, Belmont, we had the pleasure of the same company including R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms, Grand Chaplain. We fully realize the many calls on your time, Most Worshipful Sir, and deeply appreciate the opportunity of meeting you at these two meetings in the Third Masonic District.

Before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in June, I will have made further visits to all lodges in the District.

It was my very great privilege to visit with and witness the Installation of Officers on December 27th, 1946, in Nickle Lodge No. 427, Grand Lodge of Canada in Sudbury, Ontario. I was introduced by V.W. Bro. W. E. W. Cressey, Grand Senior Steward, R.W. Bro. A. C. Mudge, P.D.D.G.M. and R.W. Bro. Chas. Ebey, P.D.D.G.M. and received a very hearty welcome. This was a most interesting and happy visit.

Plans are being made for a District Church Service at Treherne on Sunday, June 1st, in the United Church. Bro. Rev. Wm. Bill. District Chaplain will conduct the service.

Owing to last minute business duties I was unable to attend the Area Meeting at Portage la Prairie on May 8th, which I regretted very much.

May I again say that Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District is making steady progress and that harmony prevails in all lodges.

Finally sir, I wish to express to you and to all the Brethren of the Third Masonic District my sincere thanks and appreciation for the loyal and generous support given to me during my term of office Also I would thank those members of my own lodge who accompanied me on the visits.

The past year has been full of rich experience and helpful education for myself and I have made many new friends. May I express the hope that my efforts to serve you as District Deputy Grand Master will measure up to your expectations.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. ADAIR,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1946-7, I am pleased to report a year of splendid progress under prosperous and harmonious surroundings, I was most favorably impressed with the very keen sense of appreciation displayed by lodge members, of the opportunities presented for outstanding service in all communities during this post-war reconstruction period, the excellent work accomplished in assisting the rehabilitation of ex-service men and their dependants, and in taking a leading part in all community efforts.

In accordance with the high honor and dignity of the office of District Deputy Grand Master, it was my privilege to be received most cordially on the occasion of my official visits to all lodges on the following dates:

Manitou Lodge No. 30, Manitou	September 23rd, 1946
Mound Lodge No. 118, Pilot Mound	Sepember 26th, 1946
Crystal Lodge No. 71, Crystal City	October 8th, 1946
Cartwright Lodge No. 150, Cartwright	October 17th, 1946
Morden Lodge No. 13, Morden	October 19th, 1946
Killarney Lodge No. 50, Killarney	April 14th, 1947
Doric Lodge No. 36, Boissevain	April 22nd, 1947

The kind attention with which my address was received gave me confidence and inspiration.

It was my pleasure to witness the exemplification of the several degrees at all lodges visited in the Fourth District, on all occasions the work was done with dignity and a most impressive manner. It is a matter of sincere regret that I was not able to visit the lodges more frequently, this inability, to a large extent, is due to geographic inconveniences, I also regret that it was only possible to attend one meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

I found all lodges in a very active and healthy condition, a gratitfying feature of the years' review is the large number of young men of excellent type being received into Masonry. Visitations between lodges appear to be increasing now that war-time restrictions have been removed, this very commendable fraternal gesture should be encouraged.

The District meeting held at Boissevain on October 23rd, was highly successful. Your presence, Most Worshipful Sir, with Grand Lodge Officers and distinguished visitors, was a source of inspiration to all present, the splendid reports presented by the Lodge Secretaries showed good progress and increased activity in lodge and community work. R.W. Bro. Leslie of Morden Lodge No. 13 made a distinct contribution to the District meeting, in delivering a brilliant and most instructive address on the significance of Freemasonry and the responsibilities of the individual to his lodge and to Masonry in general, an interesting feature of the evening session was the presentation of a Past District Deputy Grand Master's Apron to

R.W. Bro. Murdo Maclean of Morden Lodge No. 13 and the Fifty Year Jewel to R.W. Bro. W. J. Saunders and W. Bro. Angus McQueen, both of Killarney Lodge No. 50. This pleasant duty, Most Worshipful Sir, you performed in a very delightful and pleasing manner.

I wish in this report to express thanks to W. Bro. H. L. Gamble for his kind and able assistance to me and for his most efficient work as District Secretary, to W. Bro. H. L. Newton for ably officiating as District Chaplain, to all lodges of the Fourth District for their kind co-operation and generous support given me throughout my term of office, and to all brethren for their confidence in selecting me for nomination as their choice for your representative, and you, Most Worshipful Sir, for confirming same; it has been an honor and privilege that I shall always remember with gratitude.

Fraternally submitted,

CLIFFORD N. MAINS,
D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideraton and approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District for the past year which has been one of genuine pleasure and I feel that by the friends I have made I have been enriched by the enlarged acquaintances which have come to me in the discharge of my duties. I was very much impressed by the number that turned out on my official visits, some coming two and three times and one brother attended six of my official visits. The District meeting was held at Russell on July 31st, 1946. The attendance was very good but not what was expected. The weather was very hot, I think one of the hottest days of the year. The Grand Lodge officers present were:

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary.
R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms, Grand Chaplain.
R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master.

At the afternoon session, called for 3:00 p.m., after reading the minutes of the previous District Meeting held at Rivers, on October 2nd, 1945, reports were received from the secretaries of the different Lodges in the District and they were followed by a very able address by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey on "The Significance of Freemasonry." The Lodge then closed to attend the complimentary supper in the basement of the United Church.

At the evening session the Grand Master and his suite were introduced by R.W. Bro. George V. Henderson. The Grand Master gave an eloquent address on Freemasonry. This was well received and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by R.W. Bro. George V. Henderson and enthusiastically approved by the meeting. A happy feature was the presentation by the Grand Master of the regalia to the immediate P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. T. W. Offen, with suitable words of commendation for the efficient manner in which he had fulfilled his duties. The claim of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund was recognized with a substantial sum as an offering. During the serving of supper between the sessions, short speeches, toasts and greetings provided social intercourse and genuine pleasure.

My official visits were made as follows:

October 10th	Shoal Lake Lodge	No. 92
October 17th	Harmony Lodge	No. 142
October 22nd	Hamiota Lodge	No. 84
October 24th	Miniota Lodge	No. 102
October 28th	Rivers Lodge	No. 115
November 5th	Corinthian Lodge	No. 15
November 6th	Foxwarren Lodge	No. 152
November 12th	Russell Lodge	No. 62
November 14th	Prince of Wales Lodge	No. 14
November 18th	Birtle Lodge	No. 39
November 19th	Strathclair Lodge	No. 106
December 16th	Binscarth Lodge	No. 101

In all cases I received a most cordial reception and will always remember the genuine pleasure I received and the interest taken by the brethren of the different Lodges. I have not been able to attend the meetings of the Board of General Purposes in Winnipeg up to the present but hope to attend the next one on April 18th, 1947.

I found all Lodges active and making good progress.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. McKINNON,
D.D.G.M.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worship Sir:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1946-47.

I paid one Official visit to each Lodge in the District and I am very pleased to report Freemasonry in a good, thrifty condition everywhere throughout the District. The Minute Books are well kept; Elgin, Hartney, Reston and Glenwood Lodges are the only ones who keep their Historical Registers posted to date. All Lodges are in a good financial position. Two more lodges have completed the purchase of new Lodge Halls, namely, Kilwinning No. 110 and Deloraine No. 40. All lodges are very active, and there has been a good increase in membership in every lodge. The majority of the new members are young men and show a keen interest in Masonic work. The Officers of all lodges, where I saw degrees conferred, seemed very anxious to do good and impressive work.

There has been, as I mentioned before, considerable degree work and as a result, the work of the Study Clubs has been sadly neglected. We hope, however, this will not be for long, as the applications for membership seems to be slackening off.

At each and every meeting I attended I stressed the importance of inter-lodge visits and the importance of Freemasonry in the Community.

I would like to mention three meetings of special importance, which I attended in company with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan. First the opening of the new Temple at Minto on July 8th. This was indeed a red letter day for Kilwinning Lodge No. 110 and they had many visitors from surrounding lodges. At this meeting Glenwood Lodge No. 27 took the opportunity to present the Travelling Register of the Sixth Masonic District.

The second occasion was the Fortieth Anniversary of Reston Lodge No. 104 on July 11th. There were visitors from all the neighboring lodges and many from a distance including a goodly representation from several lodges in the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Hartney Lodge No. 52 also celebrated their Fifty-fifth Anniversary on September 15th. This was an outstanding event not only for Hartney, but for the Sixth Masonic District, for at this meeting they not only had a splendid Masonic get-together, but they were honored by a visit from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, who was accompanied by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, M.W. Bro. John Storman, who favored the gathering with a most inspiring address.

It is difficult to describe these special meetings in detail but they were each memorable occasions, and gatherings such as these are a great inspiration to our Masonic Order.

Our Annual District Meeting was held at Hartney on October 22nd. There was a good average attendance, 89. We had expected more, but the harvesting prevented many from attending. M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan and R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald represented the Grand Lodge. They were accompanied by R.W. Bro. Hugh Kerr and R.W. Bro. C. N. Mains, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District.

The eight Lodges of the District each gave a summary of their activities for the past year, and all were quite proud of their progress. Several of the Secretaries are to be complimented on their reports, in the manner they were compiled and presented. There was the usual banquet at 6.30 o'clock. This feature was enjoyed by all present, and always adds to the fraternal side of the meeting

Our Labor was resumed at 8:00 p.m. and there were many interesting discussions on Masonic topics, after which our M.W. Grand Master delivered another of his very splendid Masonic Addresses.

As mentioned before Kilwinning and Deloraine Lodges now bring the number of Lodges owning their own halls up to four. These two new buildings are not only an asset to their respective communities but show how Freemasonry is appreciated in their local Districts.

I made several unofficial visits to several of the Lodges in the District and had the pleasure of accepting R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray's invitation to attend the District Meeting of the Twelfth Masonic District. I enjoyed this meeting very much as it was my first visit with our City brethren.

Finally, I must thank all those who so ably and kindly assisted me through my year—W. Bro. R. H. Gibson and Bro. E. H. Mills my secretaries and Bro. A. Friebert, our District Chaplain, and the many Past District Deputy Grand Masters whose advice and counsel I greatly appreciate and not forgetting the cordial receptions tendered me on every occasion.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the example you have set in service and for your advice and friendship.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. C. DUTHIE,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your Deputy in the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1946-1947. Although I entered upon my duties with a certain amount of apprehension, based upon a sense of responsibility to you and the Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District, that feeling was dispelled by the friendly encouragement given me as I travelled round the District, making the duties pleasant and the time too short. I am indeed pleased to report that in all Lodges in this District harmony prevails, and a progressive spirit is shown by all.

I officially visited all Lodges in the District on dates shown addressing the Brethren on the Principles and duties of Freemasonry.

Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	October 10th, 1946
Lansdowne Lodge No. 107	October 23rd, 1946
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	October 22nd, 1946
Lebanon Lodge No. 43	November 5th, 1946
Composite Lodge No. 64	November 28th, 1946
Brandon Lodge No. 19	January 14th 1947
Tweed Lodge No. 113	January 21st, 1947

On all occasions I was received with respect and courtesy due to the office I held as your representative. I also had the privilege of making several unofficial visits during the year at which I saw the work put on in a creditable manner by the' Lodges, at all times receiving a most cordial welcome.

May I respectfully state that I feel that where Lodges have Study Clubs, or have time to discuss Masonic papers, there seems to be a better average attendance. Where Lodges have so much Degree work that time is not available for study or instruction the newly raised Mason will soon tire of attending. The smaller Lodges have an advantage in this respect for they have the time to instruct their initiates in the Principles of Freemasonry.

This, Most Worshipful Sir, may provide food for thought in our larger Lodges, as it is not to the best interests of Freemasonry for Lodges to concentrate wholly on Degree Work at regular meetings and neglect the finer principles of the Craft. Less Degree Work at regular meetings, and more fraternity will induce the young Mason to come out to Lodge, and thus benefit the Craft in general.

That Freemasonry and Religion go hand in hand was shown by the splendid attendance at the District Church Service held in Oak Lake on May 19th, 1946, and arrangements have been made for this year's Divine Service at Oak Lake, when the Grand Chaplain R.W. Brother Rev. E. A. Syms will be the speaker. All Lodges have been notified regarding this service.

The District Meeting was held at Oak Lake, October 24th, 1946, with ninety-four registered although one hundred and twelve were in attendance at the banquet.

Your attendance with your Deputy was gratefully appreciated, Most Worshipful Sir, and your address was a most inspiring one for which I would express the thanks of all who were privileged to be present.

All Lodges gave their reports showing that the District is in sound condition, although the attendance of Brethren at this their District Meeting was not all that could be desired.

At this meeting, Most Worshipful Sir, your Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms gave an address on Freemasonry and its implications worthy of his office as leader of religious thought in Freemasonry in Manitoba.

May I in surrendering my office to my successor thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the confidence you placed in me in installing me as your District Deputy for the Seventh Masonic District for the past year.

I sincerely trust that I have been of some small service to you and Freemasonry during my term of office, 'and before surrendering my office, Most Worshipful Sir, may I take the opportunity of thanking R.W. Brother P. W. Paul the District Secretary for his support and assistance in accompanying me on most of my visits and who encouraged me both generously and loyally at all times, also all those who so ably assisted me to carry out the duties of that high office. And in conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I wish for my successor the same loyalty and devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. CLARK,
D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval, my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Eighth Masonic during the year 1946-1947.

I wish to express my thanks to the brethren of this District for the confidence they placed in me, by electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master.

I felt in assuming these duties, I was taking on a great responsibility. Your kind words of encouragement to all the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters tended to relieve this feeling considerably. I must say it has been a year of great pleasure to me to work under your supervision, and with the Officers and Brethren of the Eighth District.

On taking up my task as District Deputy Grand Master I felt it would be time well spent to make unofficial visits to the different Lodges, to get better acquainted with the Brethren, and to get a deeper insight into the working of their Lodges. I made two visits to East Star Lodge No. 55, Gretna; two to Midlothian Lodge No. 90, Miami; one to Shiloh Lodge No. 70, Roland; one to King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Morris; one to Emerson Lodge No. 6, Emerson; and one to Patricia Lodge No. 125, Sperling.

Official visits were made as follows:

Sprague Lodge No. 132, Sprague,	11th September 1946
East Star Lodge No. 55, Gretna	6th November 1946
Midlothian Lodge No. 90, Miami	18th November 1946
Emerson Lodge No. 6, Emerson	21st November 1946
Penza Lodge No. 120, Dominion City,	26th November 1946
Carman Lodge No. 155, Carman	18th February 1947

Patricia Lodge No. 125, Sperling....	5th March 1947
King Solomon's Lodge No. 8, Morris,	11th March 1947
Shiloh Lodge No. 70, Roland.......	13th March 1947

I witnessed the conferring of degrees in all Lodges in the District with the exception of Sprague. In my opinion the work was very efficiently done, most of it by Past Masters. Personally I like to see the Past Masters taking part in degree work; I think it tends to keep up their interest in Lodge affairs. But I think every presiding Master should learn all three degrees, and confer each at least once, during his term of office. If a Master does not learn this work while he is going through the chairs, there is little hope that he will do so later when he becomes a Past Master. This is shown very clearly in a number of Lodges in the District. In some cases Lodges with ten to fifteen Past Masters, have only two or three who can confer a degree. In other Lodges practically all Past Masters are capable of taking their parts in degree work. I would like to suggest that the ruling re conferring of degrees by the presiding Masters be more strongly recommended.

On several of my visits I found that degree work took so much time that the Lodges really did not have enough time for their other business, unless they remained open until a late hour. I have been recommending that they hold Emergent Meetings for degree work, and that on regular Meeting nights they have some member prepare and read a paper on some phase of Freemasonry, which would be educational and inspiring. This, I believe, would make the meetings more interesting and would encourage more Brethren to attend.

On making my unofficial visits to several of the Lodges, I found nearly all had a different way of balloting. I laid out a form for balloting which I thought might work very well in the District. I believe all Lodges in a District should do their work in the same manner, so as to have uniformity. On my official visits I took up the question of balloting, and had each Lodge try this form, and found it was very favourably received. I hope, Most Worshipful Grand Master, this meets with your approval.

On my official visits to each Lodge I was received in due form, as your official representative, and was given a very hearty reception.

The District Meeting of the Eighth Masonic District was held in Carman Masonic Hall, on October 17, 1946. Total attendance of members and visitors was one hundred and three, all lodges in the District being represented except Sprague. Reports were given by Secretaries of each Lodge on their yearly activities, and were received with interest by all members present. These reports showed the District as a whole was in a very healthy condition.

During the afternoon session we had three fifteen-minute speeches on the significance of Freemasonry, the speakers being R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, P.D.D.G M.; R W Bro W C McDonald, Senior Grand Warden and M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary. These talks were ably given and much appreciated by all members present.

The meeting was then thrown open for a question and answer period. Many Brethren, availing themselves of this opportunity, asked questions which were ably answered by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey.

At 5.15 the meeting was adjourned and the Brethren invited to the Carman Memorial Hall, to partake of a sumptuous banquet. This was prepared and served by the Ladies of Carman Chapter No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star, and was enjoyed by all. Several toasts and responses concluded this part of the programme.

Labour was resumed at 8.00 o'clock. Immediately afterwards the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his suite were officially received. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then introduced his suite and asked them to take seats in the East.

The summary of the afternoon session was read by the District Secretary, W. Bro. Weaver and a report of attendance given.

Presentation of the District Deputy Grand Master's Apron was then made by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey to R.W. Bro Sawatzky, Immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master, who made a suitable reply.

R.W. Bro. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master, was then introduced and substituting for the Most Worshipful Grand Master, delivered a most inspiring and educational address. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Brethren privileged to hear it.

During the year Emerson Lodge No. 6, of Emerson, held its 70th Anniversary. It was my privilege to attend this celebration. It was an outstanding event, beginning with a banquet in the church basement. All the Lodges in the District were represented, and many from outside the District. A number of Grand Lodge officers, including the Most Worshipful the Grand Master were also present. M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas gave a comprehensive history of Emerson Lodge from its institution. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge

Officers gave short addresses. The Brethren of Emerson Lodge are to be heartily congratulated on thus upholding the flag of Freemasonry for three score and ten years.

During the year there have been thirty-one new members in this District and eleven Brethren were called to the Great Beyond. Among these was our late Brother, R.W. Bro. A. W. Badger, P.D.D.G.M. of this District and a Past Senior Grand Deacon.

In conclusion I want to take the privilege of once again thanking you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the kindness you have shown me, and for the advice and splendid support you have given me during my term of office. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the other Grand Lodge officers who so ably supported me during the year. I want to thank the Brethren of the Eighth District for their kind co-operation and for the support given me in every Lodge. I also wish to thank my District Chaplain, W. Bro. L. J. Bennett, and also my District Secretary, W. Bro. G. W. Weaver, who has accompanied me on all my official and unofficial visits, placing his car at my disposal, and doing all possible to assist me in every way he could.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH MILLROY,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is an honor and pleasure to submit for your consideration and approval the report of the Ninth Masonic District as your Deputy for the year 1946-7. I am pleased to report Masonry in this district in excellent condition with harmony prevailing in all the lodges. Also showing much more progress than has been for years. With a membership of 582 at December 1st, 1946, and 614 to date an increase of 80 members in the past year—and not one suspension. I have been assisted by R.W. Bro. J. R. Hume, District Secretary, who helped me throughout the term. A very successful District Meeting was held at Grandview, on October 3rd, 1946, with 104 members present, including the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Grand

Chaplain, with instructive addresses from the Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren of the District, which were enjoyed by the Brethren. Also the banquet in the evening.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105, was visited on September 5th. The attendance was 32 members and 15 visitors. The Master Mason Dgree was conferred; the officers were well skilled in the work. Jubilee Lodge No. 147 was visited on September 12th, a very busy time for the farmers, 13 members and five visitors were present, no Degrees were conferred. The officers were well skilled in their regular work. Favel Lodge No. 126, was visited on November 2nd. R.W. Bro. Hume made this visit for me as I was in hospital and the arrangements had all been made. The attendance was good and several visitors were present. All officers had their work up well.

Hiram Lodge No. 94, was visited at the regular meeting on March 20th, 1947, 33 members and 13 visitors were present. The Entered Apprentice was conferred that evening and all the work was up to standard. Vermillion Lodge No. 68 was visited on April 1st, it was Past Masters' Night, there was 40 members and 19 visitors present, two candidates were initiated and the work was well done. Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100 was officially visited on April 9th, 16 members and 10 visitors were present, they had no Degree Work. Officers regular work was very satisfactory, they also had three new applications to deal with. Roblin Lodge No. 122, was visited on April 14th, there were 27 members and 16 visitors present. One candidate was Initiated in a most creditable manner. Officers were all present and most efficient.

I am sorry to have to report the passing in February, 1947, of R.W. Bro. Greenway, P.D.D.G.M. of the Ninth Masonic District a member of Roblin Lodge No. 122, for many years.

Victory Lodge No. 128. This visit had been postponed twice on account of sickness and bad roads. This lodge has done wonderfully well in the past two years. Offices are all ably filled. They are having church service on May 4th. They had three Fellow Craft Degrees and a Master Mason Degree and are having an Emergent Meeting with four Candidates for Fellow Craft Degree, April 30th.

The Area Meeting is being held in Swan River on May 8th, at Prince Arthur Lodge.

On all my visits I was received with the courtesy and respect due your representative. Due to sickness I was unable to give as much time to visiting as I would like to have done. I want to give my sincere thanks to the Brethren of Hiram Lodge who accompanied and helped me on all occasions. It was very gratifying to me to see so many guests at the lodges I visited, and I cannot speak too highly of the way the Master and Officers are filling their respective offices; also of the harmony that prevails among all the lodges. In concluding I want to thank all the members of the Ninth Masonic District for the great honor they have done me by electing me District Deputy Grand Master of this District for past term and I only hope I have not failed them in my attempt.

Fraternally submitted,

D. N. McINTYRE,
D.D.G.M. Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

Having been your representative in the Tenth Masonic District since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, it is not only my duty, but a high privilege and pleasure to submit to you the following report regarding my work in, and the condition of, this District.

My Official Visits to the Constituent Lodges were as follows:

Lisgar Lodge No. 2	October 15th, 1946
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	October 3rd, 1946
Ophir Lodge No. 112	September 6th, 1946
Transcona Lodge No. 123	October 4th, 1946
Kildonan Lodge No 131	October 8th, 1946
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	September 4th, 1946
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148	October 11th, 1946
The Dormer Lodge No. 151	November 5th, 1946
Pine Falls Lodge No. 154	September 13th, 1946
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156	August 19th, 1946

At all the Lodges my reception and that of my Suite was all that could be desired—warm, brotherly and truly Masonic. That the Craft is well and favourably thought of is evidenced by the type and calibre of the men who have been initiated during the past twelve months. It is to them we look to take care of the Ancient Landmarks and supervision of our Order in the future and to say that we feel confident that they will fulfill their obligations in a worthy manner is, in my view, an understatement.

In this district too, may we say, the Masters, Officers—both elected and appointed—and the Past Masters of all Lodges are capable, earnest and enthusiastic brethren, giving liberally of their time and talent in the best interests of the Order and at the same time, filling the duties of their various offices in a most efficient manner.

Degree Work was witnessed on every visit and it was particularly noticeable. and worthy of special mention, that in all instances every effort was made, not only to do this work in a manner that would not bring adverse criticism from the Brethren who witnessed it, but in such a way that the Candidates would be properly impressed with the solemnity and dignity of our ceremonies, thereby creating an impression that would last throughout their Masonic Life not only of the degree conferred upon them but also of the obligations they would be called upon to fulfill.

It has been my aim, therefore, taking into consideration conditions prevailing today, to try and leave with the Lodges, among other things, a word or two relating to the high responsibility that was theirs in seeing to it that only worthy men became Petitioners for our mysteries and to those of our New Brethren, the high responsibilities that were now theirs or may, in the future, fall to their lot.

The District Meeting held on the 19th September, 1946, was extremely well attended. All Lodges were represented and the matters brought up for consideration were thoroughly discussed. Freemasonry not only in this District, but in this Grand Jurisdiction, benefited therefrom. At the evening session, your address, Most Worshipful Sir, was instructional and a source of inspiration to all those privileged to hear it. R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross was presented with the Apron of a P.D.D.G.M Many distinguished brethren from other districts were present and contributed in no small manner to the success of the meeting.

The Annual Church Service was held in June, 1946, in the United Church at Stonewall, with a large number of brethren in attendance.

My appreciation and gratitude go to my Secretary, W. Bro. H. K. Hutson, my Chaplain, W. Bro. R. M. Snider, Bro. C. S. Trick, The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, and other Grand Lodge Officers for their helpful advice and support, to those other brethren who accompanied me from time to time on my official and other visits, and to the Masters and Officers of all Lodges in this District who did everything in their power to help me during my tenure of office.

Finally, Most Worshipful Sir, it is my hope that in some small way we have contributed something that will prove helpful to the Order it has been our privilege to serve.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES W. LINDSAY,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is my privilege to present for your approval, the annual report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Twelfth Masonic District for the year 1946-47.

In reviewing the operations of the Lodges within the Twelfth Masonic District, I am proud to report that it has been a highly successful and profitable year. The membership of the various Lodges within the District have been fortunate in electing as their Worshipful Masters, men whose sincerity and capacity for hard work overshadow minor inabilities some may have. Assisted by the united effort of Officers, Past Masters and members alike, their unity of purpose has achieved gratifying results.

Many pre-war activities are again coming into being, some of a social nature and others as special Lodge Nights under various headings, of which there are a great number. Inter-Lodge visitations have reached a new high, and with travelling conditions relieved, out of town visitations are increasing in number. There is no lack of activity in the district in which to maintain membership interest.

Degree work is of a high calibre, and only on one or two occasions, was there evidence of lack of sufficient instruction on the part of the Junior Officers. The Past Masters have done an admirable job in assisting the Worshipful Masters to cope with the large influx of candidates. The hard working Secretaries, who have had their burdens increased, carry on in their traditional fashion. In spite of the much used phrase, "Quality, not Quantity is needed in Masonry," I have witnessed a large quantity of candidates who appear to be of extremely high quality.

Throughout the year only minor infractions of the Constitution have been noticed, and these have been readily adjusted by the Warshipful Masters when brought to their attention.

All secretaries are now bonded, and the Lodge notices have eliminated all reference to character and investigating committees, regardless of their function. Lodges are in a sound financial position, and the increase in membership as of December 31st, 1946, over the previous year is 173, making a grand total for the District of 1,965 members. There are some Lodges which in the near future must give serious consideration to the number of members that constitute an efficient and progressive Lodge. Within the District we have three or four Lodges with membership nearing the 300 mark.

Monthly meetings were held with the Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens. These meetings acted as a clearing house for all problems and reduced to a minimum the difficulties which are bound to arise. What was found to be noteworthy in a particular Lodge, was passed on for the benefit of all, and any irregularity of a Lodge was brought to the attention of the meeting, so that such irregularity would not occur in other Lodges. These meetings were held in the form of supper meetings, which were well attended with keen interest.

The District Meeting held on January 31st, 1947, was most successful, with a registration of 226 present. Under the heading of "For Your Information" the question and answer period was most instructive as well as entertaining, and, I am sure, appreciated by all. The distinguished Brethren who took part in this portion of the programme were M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, foreman of the panel and those answering the questions were, The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, M.W. Bro. S. Burland, R.W. Bro. H. Coddington, R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, R.W. Bro. David Griffith, R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn and V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe. The Masters gave reports of outstanding events in their Lodge over the year 1945. Items of interest were the number of special Lodge Nights and acts of benevolence. Worthy of mention is Fort Garry Lodge, which is paying tuition fee that will enable two worthy persons to attend Business College. A playlet "Harmony Being the Support" was presented by the "44 Class" (members of the 12th Masonic District who held the office of W. Master in the year 1944). The play was enthusiastically received and had a good moral lesson. The wealth of Masonic advice contained in your message, Most Worship Sir, established a brilliant climax to a successful evening.

The Third Annual District Ladies' Night held at the Fort Garry Hotel, April 25th, proved most enjoyable. In your absence, Most Worshipful Sir, the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, expressed his approval of our programme. The impression received from those attending, was that a good time was had by all.

The Annual District Church Service, held in St. Matthew's Church, Sunday, April 27th, was attended by over 200 members. M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey read the First Lesson, and I was assigned the reading of the Second Lesson. M.W. Bro. Harry Woods gave the Prayers, and the service was conducted by M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert. We have had many fine Church Parades in the District, yet none finer than the one held April 27th..

Before concluding my report, I would like to make one or two observations. The somber warnings emanating from so many quarters, regarding adequate instruction and education of the new member, has been seriously considered and discussed by the Masters of the District. A number of Lodges have tried various methods of education with varying results. All admit the need is urgent and most essential, yet the trial and error method does not seem to be a satisfactory solution to the problem. May I suggest that a standard method of Masonic Education, approved and supplied by Grand Lodge be instituted as quickly as possible. I would like further to suggest, that such education be communicated to new members at a meeting especially called for that purpose, and not made an addition to the present degrees. It has been found that the practice of appointing a Lodge Librarian, to secure a variety of books from the Grand Lodge Library for distribution to the Lodge members has merit, and proved successful in a number of Lodges, particularly Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137.

In conclusion I desire to make the following acknowledgements to yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, for your advice and wise counsel given so generously, to M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods for their ready assistance at all times, to the Masters in the District for their sterling support and co-operation, to the District Officers, W. Bro. W. F. Kerby. Chaplain, W. Bro. S. Swanton, Treasurer, and especially, I would like to acknowledge the splendid work of the District Secretary, W. Bro. T. Crossley.

It has been a very busy year, one in which I have gained much in pleasure and in profit. I sincerely trust that my endeavors have repaid in some measure the confidence placed in me, by yourself and the Brethren of the District.

HARRY H. GRAY,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED
TO
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER
GRAND LODGES
1946

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

Alexander Kippen Cates

Reston Lodge No. 104
Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1923

DIED
January 17th, 1946.

William A. Piper

Sprague Lodge No. 132
Honorary Past District Deputy Grand Master, 1944

DIED
March 12th, 1946.

Thomas Stockdale

Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145
District Deputy Grand Master, 1931

DIED
March 20th, 1946.

Thomas Alfred Argue

East Star Lodge No. 55
District Deputy Grand Master, 1920

DIED
June 7th, 1946.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

Charles Wilson

Rathwell Lodge No. 87
Grand Steward, 1909
District Deputy Grand Master, 1913

DIED

June 11th, 1946.

James W. Guthrie

Lebanon Lodge No. 43
Reston Lodge No. 104
District Deputy Grand Master, 1922

DIED

June 24th, 1946.

Edgar William Rugg

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
Grand Registrar, 1898

DIED

October 14th, 1946.

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Spearman, Jas. W.	Feb. 15th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Wray, Fred. H.	Mar. 12th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Barritt, Nelson	May 18th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Crawford, F. G.	June 29th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Dunn, Donald B.	Oct. 13th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Parker, Ernest	Oct. 24th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Dykes, Andrew E.	Nov. 28th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Judd, James W.	June 2nd, 1946	Lisgar	2
Stewart, David C.	Feb. 22nd, 1946	Ancient Landmark	3
Brown, Randall R.	Feb. 26th, 1946	Ancient Landmark	3
Affleck, John	Feb. 28th, 1946	Ancient Landmark	3
Nairn, Wm.	May 3rd, 1946	Ancient Landmark	3
Fingland, Wm.	May 25th, 1946	Ancient Landmark	3
Morgan, H. G.	Oct. 19th, 1946	Ancient Landmark	3
McLea, Chas. A. E.	Oct. 28th, 1946	Ancient Landmark	3
MacLean, Neal J.	Nov. 13th, 1946	Ancient Landmark	3
Adamson, Francis S.	Mar. 6th, 1946	St. John's	4
Alderson, Percy B.	June 5th, 1946	St. John's	4
Harrison, S. G.	June 16th, 1946	St. John's	4
Orr, Thomas	Aug. 27th, 1946	St. John's	4
Harrison, A.	Sept. 4th, 1946	St. John's	4
Cockburn, Jas.	Oct. 1st, 1946	St. John's	4
Hamerton, Albert	Oct. 2nd, 1946	St. John's	4
Kettleson, F. S.	Oct. 15th, 1946	St. John's	4
Lawrence, Jas.	Nov. 30th, 1946	St. John's	4
Embelin, R. E.	Dec. 1st, 1946	St. John's	4
Bell, Francis S.	May 7th, 1946	Emerson	6
Clarke, Wm. H.	Mar. 24th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Lunn, Wm. F.	Apr. 3rd, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Smith, Norman S.	Apr. 3rd, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Brown, Roland C.	Aug. 17th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Taylor, Robt.	Oct. 1st, 1946	King Solomon	8
Lethbridge, H. W.	Jan. 2nd, 1946	Northern Light	10
Maguire, David A.	Jan. 25th, 1946	Northern Light	10
Hudson, D. H.	Mar. 3rd, 1946	Northern Light	10

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Strang, E. R.	Aug. 1st, 1946	Northern Light	10
Baxter, Geo. H.	Aug. 29th, 1946	Northern Light	10
Pape, John G.	Nov. 13th, 1946	Northern Light	10
Bowles, Manley	Nov. 21st, 1946	Northern Light	10
Ovas, Jas. M.	Dec. 24th, 1946	Northern Light	10
Driver, Geo.	Jan. 10th, 1946	Gladstone	11
Leggatt, Jas.	Feb. 23rd, 1946	Gladstone	11
Adamson, Don. G.	Aug. 18th, 1946	Gladstone	11
Sinclair, John D.	Mar. 11th, 1946	Stonewall	12
Knittel, John H.	July 26th, 1946	Stonewall	12
Anderson, Maurice	Mar. 1st, 1946	Morden	13
Hall, Chas. F.	July 24th, 1946	Morden	13
Rabinovitch, D.	Aug. 4th, 1946	Morden	13
Atkinson, G. W.	Jan. 19th, 1946	Brandon	19
Plant, Wm.	July 3rd, 1946	Brandon	19
Thompson, S.	Aug. 17th, 1946	Brandon	19
Elwood, Frederick	Dec. 9th, 1946	Brandon	19
Lawrence, David	Apr. 11th, 1946	Neepawa	24
Stewart, Jas. A.	May 18th, 1946	Neepawa	24
Cummings, Alex.	Mar. 14th, 1946	Ionic	25
Smith, Thos. J.	Apr. 16th, 1946	Ionic	25
Thomas, Thomas	May 21st, 1946	Ionic	25
Moody, Arthur W.	June 20th, 1946	Ionic	25
Wiles, Henry	Aug. 5th, 1946	Ionic	25
Kirkland, Wm. A.	Sept. 21st, 1946	Ionic	25
Woods, Wm. H.	Sept. 29th, 1946	Ionic	25
Blain, Thomas	Dec. 14th, 1946	Ionic	25
Pottruff, John A.	Dec. 19th, 1946	Ionic	25
Sampson, E. W.	Jan. 30th, 1946	Manitou	30
Templar, Samuel	May 9th, 1946	Birtle	39
Gibson, Robt. W.	Oct. 13th, 1946	Birtle	39
Renton, Wm.	Apr. 17th, 1946	Deloraine	40
McKee, Wm.	May 7th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Dimond, Harvey C.	Oct. 6th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Henry, Wm. Geo.	Apr. 1st, 1946	Temple	49

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Berry, Fred. C.	July 1st, 1946	Temple	49
Parker, Henry G.	Aug. 20th, 1946	Temple	49
Rollins, Percy K.	Feb. 25th, 1946	Killarney	50
Jones, Thos. E.	Mar. 22nd, 1946	Killarney	50
Rollins, Hugh	Sept. 5th, 1946	Killarney	50
Williams, Chas.	July 2nd, 1946	Treherne	51
Lamont, David	Aug. 21st, 1946	Hartney	52
Smith, Harry M.	Sept. 11th, 1946	Hartney	52
Johnstone, F.	May 27th, 1946	Russell	62
Moynes, Angus	June 11th, 1946	Russell	62
Lawther, Samuel	Oct. 5th, 1946	Russell	62
Holland, H. E.	Mar. 3rd, 1946	Wawanesa	67
Stephens, G. H. Jr.	Dec. 26th, 1946	Wawanesa	67
Foster, W. F. C.	Dec. 29th, 1946	Wawanesa	67
Allen, Robt. J.	Mar. 14th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Medd, Albert E.	Aug. 14th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Machan, Francis M.	Nov. 16th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Telford, Wm.	Dec. 8th, 1946	Vermillion	68
McKay, L. V.	Dec. 12th, 1946	Vermillion	68
White, Henry W.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Shiloh	70
Adams, Geo. E.	Mar. 18th, 1946	Crystal	71
Thomson, Archie	May 6th, 1946	Crystal	71
Rodgers, Jas.	Apr. 26th, 1946	Elkhorn	74
Morton, Jas.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Gothic	75
Fraser, Geo. S.	Jan. 18th, 1946	Hamiota	84
Henderson, David	Dec. 12th, 1946	Hamiota	84
Hamilton, W. T.	Jan. 22nd, 1946	Midlothian	90
Nixon, Chas. H.	Jan. 12th, 1946	Shoal Lake	92
Duncanson, Jas.	Jan. 20th, 1946	King Edward	93
Ozal, Chris.	Feb. 3rd, 1946	King Edward	93
Riley, Myron	Feb. 5th, 1946	King Edward	93
Hall, Norman	Apr. 4th, 1946	King Edward	93
Janes, Frank A.	May 14th, 1946	King Edward	93
Gray, Robt. J.	Oct. 25th, 1946	King Edward	93
Muir, Robt. K.	Oct. 30th, 1946	King Edward	93

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Clegg, Henry J.	Oct. 31st, 1946	King Edward	93
Appleby, Frank	Nov. 10th, 1946	King Edward	93
Boyd, Jas. D.	Dec. 29th, 1946	King Edward	93
Waters, Wm.	Nov. 15th, 1946	Hiram	94
McKay, Alex.	Mar. 2nd, 1946	Robbie Burns	100
Broadfoot, J. W.	Nov. 3rd, 1946	Binscarth	101
Andrew, Robt.	Jan. 19th, 1946	Miniota	102
Spence, David	May 12th, 1946	Miniota	102
Douglas, Geo. K.	Nov. 16th, 1946	Miniota	102
Forsyth, Jas. D.	Nov. 30th, 1946	Miniota	102
Ready, Norris H.	Feb. 10th, 1946	Reston	104
Pettypiece, G. C.	Feb. 11th, 1946	Reston	104
Milton, Robt. B.	Oct. 28th, 1946	Reston	104
Robertson, Alex.	Nov. 21st, 1946	Reston	104
Money, John	June 20th, 1946	Kilwinning	110
Strathdee, C. N.	Aug. 9th, 1946	Acacia	111
Ross, David K.	Nov. 17th, 1946	Acacia	111
Henderson, Wm.	Nov. 27th, 1946	Acacia	111
Kreger, Robt. E.	Dec. 9th, 1946	Acacia	111
Booth, Frank S.	May 7th, 1946	Tweed	113
Elliott, Wm. Jas.	May 29th, 1946	Tweed	113
McLeod, Edwin W.	June 2nd, 1946	Tweed	113
Pidgeon, Leslie E.	Feb. 1st, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Pringle, T. E. P.	Mar. 24th, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bennett, Allan	June 5th, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Wallar, John F.	June 25th, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bate, Hugh C.	Aug. 28th, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Reid, Alex.	Dec. 19th, 1945	Strathcona	117
Keays, Samuel J.	June 28th, 1946	Mound	118
McDonald, John	Dec. 16th, 1946	Mound	118
Spearman, W. J.	Feb. 15th, 1946	Norwood	119
Thomas, Harry C.	Oct. 20th, 1946	Norwood	119
Ditlovitch, D.	Apr. 3rd, 1946	Penza	120
Post, Jas. F.	May 12th, 1946	Penza	120
Nobes, Walter	June 19th, 1946	St. James	121

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Brown, John A.	July 1st, 1946	St. James	121
Johnstone, W. J.	Sept. 25th, 1946	St. James	121
Smith, Harris	Oct. 29th, 1946	St. James	121
Gunn, John W.	Jan. 29th, 1946	Transcona	123
Olsen, H. O. in	Denmark, 1944	The Pas	124
Hooper, Jos. E.	Nov. 23rd, 1946	Favel	126
Hall, Jas. G.	Feb. 17th, 1946	Empire	127
Barker, Thos.	Mar. 5th, 1946	Empire	127
Cash, Kenneth C.	Oct. 18th, 1946	Victory	128
Nesbitt, M. M.	Feb. 18th, 1946	Fort Garry	130
Cookson, Arthur	May 1st, 1946	Fort Garry	130
Copeland, Ernest	June 4th, 1946	McCreary	133
Watts, Thos. A.	Apr. 29th, 1946	Capitol	136
Robertson, John D.	May 24th, 1946	Capitol	136
Jackson, Philip S.	July 14th, 1946	Capitol	136
Guthrie, Arthur	Jan. 5th, 1946	Lord Selkirk	137
Head, Joseph W.	Jan. 21st, 1946	Lord Selkirk	137
Briggs, Wheatley	Dec. 23rd, 1946	Lord Selkirk	137
Brown, Robt.	May 5th, 1946	Windsor	138
Gunn, Clifford R.	Dec. 27th, 1946	Windsor	138
Kitchen, LeRoy	Apr. 20th, 1946	Beaver	139
Horseman, Ernest	May 23rd, 1946	Beaver	139
Tait, Alex. H.	Aug. 10th, 1946	Beaver	139
Brew, Albert W.	Sept. 15th, 1946	Beaver	139
Martin, Jas. B.	Sept. 19th, 1946	Beaver	139
Ham, Ira. E.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Beaver	139
Buckley, Frederick	Jan. 26th, 1946	Meridian	140
MacKenzie, D. C.	Sept. 2nd, 1946	Meridian	140
Braden, Ford	Oct. 9th, 1946	Tuscan	141
Cohen, Jacob	May 30th, 1946	Mt. Sinai	143
Tasker, Nathan	Feb. 15th, 1946	Mt. Sinai	143
Blackhurst, N. N.	Jan. 22nd, 1946	Fort Osborne	144
Parker, Ernest S.	Nov. 4th, 1946	Sturgeon Creek	145
Grant, Robt.	Apr. 20th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Alderson, Percy B.	June 5th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Ruthruff, Glenn A. ..	Aug. 3rd, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Hobbs, H. I. F.	Apr. 6th, 1946	Carman	155
Clapp, Geo. A.	Oct. 13th, 1946	Carman	155
Snydal, John	Dec. 1946	Carman	155

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Campbell Joseph	Nov. 19th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Bone, Wm.	Dec. 17th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Wilson, Jas. G.	Dec. 17th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Bjarnsson, S. E.	May 21st, 1946	Lisgar	2
Lundberg, Gustaf. A.	Nov. 1946	St. John's	4
Dagg, Walter	Nov. 1946	St. John's	4
Camfield, Arthur S.	Dec. 4th, 1946	St. John's	4
Harper, Wm. D.	Sept. 19th, 1946	Emerson	6
Maier, Leonard	Oct. 10th, 1946	Emerson	6
Lytle, Bert	Sept. 16th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Brown, John L.	Nov. 18th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Parsons, John B.	Nov. 18th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Weaver, Albert E.	Nov. 18th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Garrett, Alfred A.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Shead, Geo. H.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Simpson, Saml. E.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Sparling, Doug. B.	Feb. 12th, 1946	King Solomon	8
Stevenson, Arthur J.	Nov. 12th, 1946	King Solomon	8
Gibbs, Philip A.	Sept. 19th, 1946	Northern Light	10
Yale, Kenneth R.	Oct. 17th, 1946	Northern Light	10
McAskill, Jas.	Apr. 8th, 1946	Gladstone	11
Hayes, S. B. H.	Dec. 5th, 1946	Stonewall	12
Robertson, Jno. A.	Dec. 5th, 1946	Stonewall	12
Way, Harry	Dec. 20th, 1946	Morden	13
Hutton, Frank V.	Dec. 19th, 1946	Morden	13
Bryon, Saml. S.	Jan. 10th, 1946	Prince of Wales	14
Skafel, Einar J.	Nov. 14th, 1946	Prince of Wales	14
MacKay, D. Wm.	Oct. 1st, 1946	Corinthian	15
Brooks, Frank E.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Corinthian	15
Buker, P. W.	Apr. 9th, 1946	Brandon	19
Saunders, Jack K.	Oct. 9th, 1946	Brandon	19
Alexander, Allan R.	Nov. 12th, 1946	Neepawa	24
Livesley, Roy H.	Nov. 12th, 1946	Neepawa	24
Taylor, Chas.	Mar. 4th, 1946	Ionic	25
Purvis, Joseph T.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Ionic	25
Mouatt, Douglas G.	May 24th, 1946	Glenwood	27
Fowler, Harry O.	Nov. 22nd, 1946	Glenwood	27
Macdonald, Jas. S.	Nov. 22nd, 1946	Glenwood	27
Axford, Wm. C.	Dec. 27th, 1946	Glenwood	27
Cunningham, Winston R.	Dec. 27th, 1946	Glenwood	27

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Cathrea, Herbert L.	May 14th, 1946	Carberry	29
Hawtin, Jno. W. H.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Carberry	29
McDonald, Malcolm	Nov. 5th, 1946	Carberry	29
Pocock, Montague	Dec. 31st, 1946	Carberry	29
Pierce-Jones, David	Feb. 4th, 1946	Manitou	30
Trow, Frank	May 7th, 1946	Manitou	30
Darling, Geo. W.	Oct. 1st, 1946	Manitou	30
Cruickshank, James W.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Manitou	30
McKenzie, Reg. J.	Apr. 23rd, 1946	Doric	36
Pretsell, Robt.	Jan. 16th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Binney, Wm.	Mar. 22nd, 1946	Deloraine	40
Woodrow, Wm. J.	Sept. 18th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Stewart, Alex.	Nov. 20th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Lee, Peter O.	Dec. 18th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Fraser, Wm.	Feb. 5th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Ivey, A. Elmer	Feb. 5th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Lidington, Wm. C.	Sept. 3rd, 1946	Lebanon	43
Goulding, Chas. E.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Thordarson, Barney	Nov. 5th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Moore, Jas. R.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Lebanon	43
King, John E.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Lebanon	43
Cooper, A.	June 13th, 1946	Oak Lake	44
Munro, Robt. M.	Dec. 12th, 1946	Oak Lake	44
Laird, David Jr.	Apr. 15th, 1946	Killarney	50
Laycup, Harold G.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Killarney	50
Hayward, Gordon	June 14th, 1946	Treherne	51
Drummond, Wm. A.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Hartney	52
McKenzie, Clyde A.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Hartney	52
Lilke, Adolph	Dec. 19th, 1946	East Star	55
Buss, Jack	June 12th, 1946	Holland	63
Morris, Thos. E.	Feb. 22nd, 1946	Composite	64
Bruce, Robt.	Feb. 5th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Montgomery, Jno.	Feb. 5th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Reid, A. Edward	Feb. 5th, 1946	Vermillion	68
McNeil, George	Oct. 10th, 1946	Shiloh	70
Hall, Fred G. E.	Mar. 26th, 1946	Elkhorn	74
Baskier, John R.	Dec. 14th, 1946	Napinka	77
Hickling, Archie G.	Dec. 14th, 1946	Napinka	77
Buck, Richard	Feb. 1946	Cypress	82
Dunfield, Howard M.	Nov. 12th, 1946	Elgin	86

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Cummings, Alex.	Feb. 18th, 1946	Midlothian	90
McKay, Archibald	May 20th, 1946	Midlothian	90
Crocket, David	Jan. 16th, 1946	King Edward	93
Leeder, Jno.	Mar. 20th, 1946	King Edward	93
White, Donald	Mar. 20th, 1946	King Edward	93
Watkins, Harry	Apr. 17th, 1946	King Edward	93
Smith, Harold F.	Nov. 20th, 1946	King Edward	93
Oddstad, Jno. H.	June 12th, 1946	Robbie Burns	100
Baker, Chas. C.	Dec. 28th, 1946	Robbie Burns	100
Waldman, Maurice	Jan. 21st, 1946	Binscarth	101
Woods, Edward H.	Jan. 24th, 1946	Miniota	102
Pocklington, Basil B.	Jan. 10th, 1946	Reston	104
Clark J. C.	Apr. 14th, 1946	Reston	104
Mutter, J. O. E.	Dec. 12th, 1946	Reston	104
Bray, S. H.	Mar. 7th, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Ranson, Arthur S.	Nov. 7th, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Dickson, Hislop	Dec. 6th, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
McNair, Clarendon L.	Dec. 6th, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Blackmore, David E.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Montgomery, Ernest B.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
McDonald, Percival J.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
McNabb, Jno. E.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Hyde, Arthur J.	Apr. 16th, 1946	Strathclair	106
Black, Thos. L.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Strathclair	106
Bond, Percy V.	June 20th, 1946	Swan Lake	109
Hedley, Fred. K.	July 1st, 1946	Swan Lake	109
Brown, Walter H.	Dec. 11th, 1946	Acacia	111
Blanchard, Chas. H.	Sept. 6th, 1946	Ophir	112
Shaw, Bernard P.	Jan. 15th, 1946	Tweed	113
Spiers, Frank S.	Jan. 15th, 1946	Tweed	113
Black, O. C. E.	Oct. 15th, 1946	Tweed	113
Allen, Roy L.	Nov. 19th, 1946	Tweed	113
Bull, Frank D.	Nov. 19th, 1946	Tweed	113
Clark, Kenneth J.	Nov. 19th, 1946	Tweed	113
Scott, Geo. D.	Mar. 5th, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Price, Alfred A.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Richardson, Walter B.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Smith, Chas. S.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Harburn, Albert E.	Jan. 28th, 1946	Rivers	115
Knott, Reg. H.	Oct. 28th, 1946	Rivers	115
Rea, Hugh C.	Dec. 2nd, 1946	Rivers	115

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Saville, Jno. H.	Dec. 2nd, 1946	Rivers	115
Bruce, Geo. F.	Dec. 30th, 1946	Rivers	115
Fitzsimmons, Colin R.	Dec. 9th, 1946	St. Andrew's	116
Fraser, Alexander	Dec. 9th, 1946	St. Andrew's	116
Goodbrand, Campbell	Mar. 12th, 1946	Strathcona	117
Brown, Clarence	Sept. 10th, 1946	Strathcona	117
Smith, B.	Oct. 8th, 1946	Strathcona	117
McGill, Robt. S.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Strathcona	117
Murchison, C. A. R.	Sept. 12th, 1946	Norwood	119
Cruden, Robt. R.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Norwood	119
Randall, Sydney G.	Jan. 1st, 1946	St. James	121
King, Albert A.	Nov. 11th, 1946	St. James	121
Matheson, Selkirk E.	Nov. 13th, 1946	St. James	121
Nott, Herbert A.	Dec. 11th, 1946	St. James	121
Bradburn, Thos. E.	Dec. 31st, 1946	St. James	121
Butler, Saml. T.	Dec. 31st, 1946	St. James	121
Denner, Frank M.	Dec. 31st, 1946	St. James	121
Yost, Dilmer J.	Dec. 6th, 1946	Transcona	123
Mulvin, Vernon W.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Kildonan	131
Welland, Herbert E.	Nov. 8th, 1946	McCreary	133
Winn, James	Nov. 8th, 1946	McCreary	133
Dawson, Benjamin T.	Apr. 3rd, 1946	Stony Mountain	134
Wood, Wm. R.	Aug. 7th, 1946	Stony Mountain	134
Pincock, Hugh C. M.	Apr. 5th, 1946	Capitol	136
Vickers, A. Allan	Dec. 11th, 1946	Lord Selkirk	137
Beaton, Wm. J.	Sept. 9th, 1946	Windsor	138
Thorsteinson, Jno. B.	Dec. 9th, 1946	Windsor	138
Whitson, David	Dec. 9th, 1946	Windsor	138
Miller, Jas W.	Sept. 12th, 1946	Beaver	139
Brewster, David	Dec. 12th, 1946	Beaver	139
Lyons, Frank A.	Dec. 12th, 1946	Beaver	139
Thoburn, Jno. S. E.	Apr. 18th, 1946	Meridian	140
Kennedy, Alex.	Nov. 21st, 1946	Meridian	140
Macauley, Wm.	Dec. 19th, 1946	Meridian	140
Beattie, Joseph J.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Meridian	140
Dallas, Harold	Nov. 25th, 1946	Harmony	142
Zimmerman, Saml.	Apr. 25th, 1946	Mt. Sinai	143
Kesten, Saml. H.	Nov. 28th, 1946	Mt. Sinai	143
Robinson, Harold F.	Nov. 11th, 1946	Sturgeon Creek	145
Bedford, Henry	Dec. 31st, 1946	Fidelity	146
Treasure, Albert E.	Mar. 15th, 1946	Fidelity	146
Gray, Thos. S.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Fidelity	146

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Kirk, Robt. C.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Fidelity	146
Ward, Lindsay M.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Fidelity	146
Vickers, Rupert M.	Nov. 8th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Way, Harry E. T.	Nov. 8th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Byford, Arthur	Dec. 13th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Cuthbertson, Jno. A.	Dec. 13th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Pritchard, Albert C.	Dec. 13th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
McKenzie, Thos. H.	Feb. 19th, 1946	Cartwright	150
Stuart, Jas. G.	June 18th, 1946	Cartwright	150
Beswatherick, Chas. R.	Nov. 20th, 1946	Cartwright	150
Hutchinson, Crawford	Mar. 5th, 1946	The Dormer	151
Harper, Hilton C.	Oct. 2nd, 1946	Foxwarren	152
Guymer, Wilfred	Dec. 17th, 1946	Flin Flon	153
Mathewson, A. Stewart	Dec. 17th, 1946	Flin Flon	153
Gill, Chas.	Oct. 11th, 1946	Pine Falls	154
Bembridge, Joseph	Apr. 15th, 1946	Manitouwapa	156

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas. Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston		*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thos. Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	*Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	†James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells.
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	†James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1915	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	C. F. Hasselfield	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J. Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George R. Calvert

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1935	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. George R. Calvert
1936	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Canon G. R. Calvert	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	Alex Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S. H. Fahrni	Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1943	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1946	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Alex. Burgess	Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. E. A. Syms
1947	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	Alex. Burgess	Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. E. A. Syms

* Dead † Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	R. F. Bingham	W. K. Mulock	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	S. Griffiths	John Veitch	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	J. R. Almey	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Jas. C. Dunn	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	T. W. Shields	K. C. R. Coulter	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	E. F. Simms	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	J. H. Dickson	O. B. Cossitt	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	R. A. Copland	Robt. Collier	Third Thursday
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	F. L. Topham	E. J. Cresswell	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	H. M. Weir	M. R. Good	First Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	W. M Colert	Wm. Godfrey	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	John Fleming		Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	T. C. Sample	Arthur Dennis	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	T. W. Turner	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	C. M. Richards	Arthur Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	G. A. Wilson	M. Cobban	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	J. H. Turner	H. A. Croll	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	E. C. Rankmore	C. P. Rogers	Second Tuesday
30	Manitou	Manitou	W. A. Pommer	J. A. F. Hill	First Tuesday
36	Doric	Boissevain	H. Ready	C. A. McKenzie	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	R. L. Miles	F. C. Barber	Third Monday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	H. V. Boles	J. Wat. Thomson	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	W. J. Eyers	W. L. Cann	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	H. N. Burgess	P. W. Paul	Second Thursday
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	O. Malyon	A. S. Hames	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	MacGregor	B. W. Embree	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	H. L. Newton	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	J. G. Wiechman	H. A. Adair	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	W. M. Duthie	J. L. Crowe	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	Geo. Branston	J. G. Cobb	Third Monday
55	East Star	Gretna	J. W. Simpson	G. G. McEdward	First Thursday
62	Russell	Russell	H. Barry	C. E. Whitmer	Second Tuesday
63	Holland	Holland	M. G. Harrison	W. H. Zachary	Second Tuesday
64	Composite	Alexander	F. C. Parks	L. W. Skinner	Third Monday
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	H. J. Williams	C. L. Atkinson	Monday on or before full moon

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68	Vermillion	Dauphin	R. Brander	H. D. Brewer	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	N. J. Anderson	C. H. Glover	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	W. J. Govier	H. H. Howard	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	J. A. Mills	H. J. Jones	Fourth Tuesday
75	Gothic	Austin	A. H. Manns	G. R. Hay	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	J. V. Ross	A. S. Baskier	First Thursday
82	Cypress	Cypress River	R. J. Connon	J. D. Brine	First Thursday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	R. P. Watt	E. P. Venables	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	J. E. Clark	E. J. Smillie	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	D. W. Buchanan	E. B. Litz	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	Midlothian	Miami	D. E. Weir	A. C. Orchard	Third Monday
92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	W. S. Nesbitt	Wm. Hadland	Second Thursday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	L. J. Turner	S. A. Restall	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	Robt. A. Knox	D. N. McIntyre	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	A. Kristinson	A. W. Knott	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	H. Nordal	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	Miniota	Miniota	W. H. P. Wallace	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	M. Milloy	R. H. Wood	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	E. J. W. Hall	John Cuthill	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	V. S. Poulsen	J. Livesey	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	T. D. McLean	H. W. Clark	Third Tuesday
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	B. Goldenberg	J. G. McMillan	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	J. L. Black	W. H. Clegg	First Thursday
109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	W. Livingston	G. O. Couch	Wednesday on or before full moon
110	Kilwinning	Minto	D. J. MacDonald	K. W. Sprott	Second Monday
111	Acacia	Winnipeg	Robt. Sharp	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	E. H. Gretzinger	Wm. Craik	First Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	H. S. Perdue	Ed. Braun	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	Wm. Fraser	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	J. A. Gilchrist	R. G. Sinclair	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	H. G. Turner	J. H. Caldwell	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona	Belmont	R. D. Saunders	Wm. Owen	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	R. A Creith	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	L. T. Force	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	Penza	Dominion City	H. Spence	A. G. Froom	Fourth Tuesday

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121	St. James	St. James	A. R. James	Thos. King	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	W. H. Sorbo	Geo. Kelso	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	E. A. Badke	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	A. L. Jacobs	G. A. Williams	First Thursday
125	Patricia	Sperling	W. G. Peckover	J. J. Tjaden	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	H. Clee	H. Laing	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Weston	S. McGowan	Jas. Wardrope	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	W. G. Winslow	C. F. Drager	Third Wednesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	A. C. Fitch	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	East Kildonan	E. F. Aldiss	A. H. Brotheridge	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	Thos. McCarthy	J. W. Emes	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	J. Allan	T. E. Squire	Second Thursday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	R. F. Greene	R. L. Walker	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	A. J. Maskell	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	W. Hutchinson	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	W. E. Munn	J. B. McClure	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	W. F. MacKenzie	F. H. Herbert	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	Geo. Kerslake	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	N. C. Law	A. R. Simpson	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	R. A. Dick	S. W. Smith	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai	Winnipeg	T. J. Serebrin	F. B. Dubinsky	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	F. W. Woodward	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	A. R. Piper	E. W. Browne	Second Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	W. W. Pile	Wm. Wilson	Third Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	C. B. Dawson	Henry Stevens	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	West Kildonan	R. A. Morrison	C. J. Dixon	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	C. I. Day	W. H. Newton	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	East Kildonan	E. Melhuish	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	Wm. MacGranachan	V. G. Hillcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	D. F. Cowie	S. E. T. Dodd	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	B. H. Campbell	Wm. Bird	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	Louis Sures	J. A. Leslie	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	Thos. Moorbey	W. A. L. Armstrong	Third Monday
U.D.	Rice Lake	Bissett	Frank Sutton	G. H. Lucas	First Friday

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1946
1	Prince Rupert's .	9	9	13	2	1	3	1	....	7	403	404 E—8
2	Lisgar..........	17	17	19	2	1	1	....	....	....	120	139
3	Ancient Landmark	12	16	15	1	5	1	1	....	9	338	345
4	St. John's.......	19	17	17	7	3	3	....	....	10	570	586
6	Emerson........	3	3	4	....	....	2	....	....	1	68	68
7	Assiniboine......	22	25	31	7	1	7	1	....	4	230	248
8	King Solomon....	3	2	2	1	....	2	....	....	1	70	71
10	Northern Light..	19	19	20	9	....	2	1	....	8	274	291
11	Gladstone.......	5	5	4	....	3	4	....	....	3	75	76
12	Stonewall.......	14	14	9	4	1	2	....	....	2	97	112 E—1
13	Morden.........	5	6	6	3	....	2	....	....	3	81	84
14	Prince of Wales..	2	3	3	2	1	2	....	....	....	107	110 E—3
15	Corinthian......	4	4	5	....	1	2	....	....	....	55	58
19	Brandon........	16	13	12	4	....	2	1	....	4	195	208
24	Neepawa........	3	3	8	2	....	2	....	....	2	149	150
25	Ionic...........	49	34	39	3	3	2	....	....	9	507	551
27	Glenwood.......	11	8	8	2	....	5	....	....	....	167	175
29	Carberry........	6	5	5	2	2	4	....	....	....	65	71
30	Manitou........	7	6	3	1	2	4	....	....	1	55	60
36	Doric..........	7	5	9	1	....	1	....	....	....	85	94 E+2
39	Birtle..........	9	9	9	....	....	....	....	....	2	44	51
40	Deloraine	11	12	12	2	4	5	....	....	2	78	88
43	Lebanon........	3	4	3	2	1	7	....	....	2	103	100
44	Oak Lake.......	1	1	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	33	32
48	Glenboro........	5	3	3	1	1	....	....	....	....	51	58
49	Temple	6	6	7	2	....	....	....	....	3	82	87

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50	Killarney........	4	2	2	....	1	2	1	....	3	69	68
51	Treherne........	7	10	10	1	....	1	....	....	1	49	55 E—2
52	Hartney.........	15	10	15	2	....	2	1	....	....	82	96
54	Oriental.........	3	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	57	58
55	East Star........	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	38	37
62	Russell..........	7	7	7	....	....	....	....	....	3	54	58
63	Holland.........	3	3	3	1	....	1	....	....	....	60	63
64	Composite.......	1	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	54	53
67	Wawanesa.......	7	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	3	56	60
68	Vermillion	12	5	5	2	3	3	....	...	5	177	181
70	Shiloh..........	6	5	3	....	....	1	....	....	1	79	83
71	Crystal..........	13	14	11	....	....	....	1	....	2	52	62 —2
74	Elkhorn.........	3	2	1	....	1	1	....	....	1	50	52
75	Gothic..........	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	58	60 —1
77	Napinka.........	5	2	4	....	....	2	1	....	1	72	73
82	Cypress..........	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	....	....	37	39
84	Hamiota.........	3	3	5	2	....	....	....	....	2	51	54
86	Elgin...........	3	4	8	1	....	1	....	....	....	66	69
87	Rathwell........	1	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	1	20	23
90	Midlothian......	6	6	10	1	2	2	....	....	1	73	79
92	Shoal Lake......	5	4	1	2	2	....	....	....	1	82	90
93	King Edward....	12	14	14	3	3	5	2	....	10	309	310 —1
94	Hiram..........	7	7	3	1	1	....	....	....	1	72	80
100	Robbie Burns....	....	3	3	....	2	2	....	....	1	33	32
101	Binscarth.......	6	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	1	33	38
102	Miniota.........	1	1	1	....	...	1	....	....	4	60	56
103	Crescent........	17	14	16	1	....	....	....	....	....	58	76

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1946—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1946
104	Reston	17	16	13	....	....	3	1	....	6	150	157 —1
105	Prince Arthur	13	15	17	2	2	8	....	....	....	76	85
106	Strathclair	2	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	46	48
107	Lansdowne	3	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	44 —1
108	Union	6	8	4	....	....	1	1	....	....	43	47
109	Swan Lake	2	6	4	....	1	2	....	....	....	31	32 —1
110	Kilwinning	3	3	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	52	54
111	Acacia	20	20	21	1	5	1	....	....	4	199	220
112	Ophir	2	2	1	2	....	1	....	1	....	53	55
113	Tweed	19	17	18	2	2	6	2	....	3	249	261
114	"The Assiniboine"	14	13	11	7	1	4	....	....	6	335	347
115	Rivers	8	11	12	1	....	5	....	....	....	66	70 +1
116	St. Andrews	3	3	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	36	37
117	Strathcona	2	2	2	2	....	4	....	....	1	64	63
118	Mound	6	6	8	....	1	....	....	....	2	66	71
119	Norwood	23	24	24	8	....	2	1	....	2	201	227 —3
120	Penza	5	2	2	1	1	....	3	....	2	34	36
121	St. James	18	18	18	3	1	7	....	....	4	191	202 E+2
122	Roblin	5	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	51	56
123	Transcona	15	15	13	1	....	1	....	....	1	146	160
124	The Pas	8	11	9	1	....	....	2	....	1	99	105
125	Patricia	4	2	2	1	2	....	....	....	....	33	40
126	Favel	4	4	3	....	1	....	....	....	1	44	48
127	Empire	22	20	20	4	....	....	....	....	2	130	154 E—2
128	Victory	4	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	40	43

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1946—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1946
130	Fort Garry......	14	20	13	4	....	....	....	....	2	203	219
131	Kildonan........	13	10	10	2	....	....	....	....	....	98	113
132	Sprague.........	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	26	27
133	McCreary........	7	4	3	....	....	3	....	....	1	42	45
134	Stony Mountain..	12	12	11	....	2	2	....	....	....	49	61
136	Capitol.........	15	15	15	10	....	1	....	....	3	175	196
137	Lord Selkirk....	7	7	7	....	1	1	....	....	3	98	102
138	Windsor.........	12	15	15	3	....	3	....	....	2	125	135
139	Beaver..........	25	14	28	1	5	3	2	....	6	229	249
140	Meridian........	24	23	29	6	1	4	....	....	2	272	297
141	Tuscan..........	6	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	74	79
142	Harmony.........	2	3	4	....	....	1	....	....	....	29	30
143	Mt. Sinai........	14	11	12	5	1	2	....	....	2	241	257
144	Fort Osborne....	9	11	10	2	....	....	....	....	1	129	139
145	Sturgeon Creek..	13	10	13	1	....	1	....	....	2	101	112 E+2
146	Fidelity........	27	22	22	3	....	5	....	....	....	141	166 E+1
147	Jubilee.........	6	4	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	49	56
148	Seven Oaks......	7	8	10	2	....	5	2	....	3	97	96
150	Cartwright......	4	4	4	....	....	3	....	....	....	31	32
151	The Dormer.....	18	19	19	4	....	1	....	....	....	52	73
152	Foxwarren......	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	36	36
153	Flin Flon.......	6	6	6	3	....	2	....	....	....	104	111
154	Pine Falls.......	2	2	2	2	....	1	....	....	....	48	51 E—1
155	Carman.........	4	2	1	3	....	....	....	....	3	66	70
156	Manitouwapa ...	6	6	6	1	....	1	....	....	....	56	62

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's. .	9	6	15	126	270	70	14	125.00	724.97	1,505.12	698.99	17,644.94	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	6	15	80	265	65	42	485.00	150.00	800.61	754.50	31,566.39	2,400.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's	9	8	17	206	380	93	48	710.00	180.00	493.86	892.30	21,534.71	6,250.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light. .	9	9	18	76	215	69	22	220.00	380.16	787.00	95.00	11,058.24	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic	10	18	28	128	423	94	32	465.00	967.30	6,439.78	45,450.47	8,075.59	500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward . . .	9	7	16	70	239	110	25	380.00	490.42	1,308.21	215.00	8,788.47	1,600.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia	9	7	16	42	178	47	14	119.00	290.00	773.88	978.67	9,756.87	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	5	15	80	267	65	14	117.00	304.00	1,298.10	Nil	18,025.11	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood	9	13	22	41	186	73	15	192.00	125.94	1,685.55	357.20	8,401.80	8,700.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James	9	10	19	30	174	65	20	175.00	167.50	1,492.31	215.00	9,762.45	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire	9	11	20	27	126	40	8	72.00	270.00	1,612.99	705.15	6,447.02	3,000.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

7	Assiniboine	10	27	37	98	150	45	31	248.50	5.00	1,738.44	4,336.75	15,473.32	16,000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone	12	4	16	30	46	30	15	105.00	23.50	32.50	Nil	3,500.00	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
24	Neepawa	10	4	14	57	93	34	7	49.00	1,047.90	471.65	1,787.00	2,938.03	3,000.00	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry	11	1	12	35	36	28	6	42.00	Nil	191.70	Nil	2,952.16	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple	12	4	16	30	56	25	5	135.00	25.00	323.88	Nil	3,600.00	2,700.00	Active	1	Own
75	Gothic	12	1	13	26	33	14	6	50.00	Nil	180.00	Nil	1,500.00	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union	11	2	13	27	20	14	2	15.00	Nil	225.96	Nil	1,735.75	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
116	St. Andrew's . .	10	1	11	21	15	12	10	60.00	30.00	200.00	Nil	1,700.00	1,200.00	Active	1	Own
133	McCreary	10	1	11	13	32	16	5	94.04	109.87	101.42	50.00	145.46	2,400.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro	11	..	11	24	34	29	7	67.50	221.80	509.11	Nil	509.11	350.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne	10	4	14	15	38	25	..	12.00	50.00	929.06	Nil	2,000.00	2,000.00	Active	2	Own
63	Holland	10	1	11	25	38	24	..	18.00	115.00	660.00	Nil	360.00	400.00	Active	1	Rent
67	Wawanesa	12	1	13	14	41	25	10	245.00	182.00	85.22	Nil	885.00	250.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress	7	1	8	16	23	12	7	54.00	......	592.95	100.40	1,742.55	1,250.00	Active	1	Own
87	Rathwell	9	..	9	6	16	13	1	38.00	50.00	232.86	13.50	519,36	300.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent	10	4	14	13	63	29	1	5.00	291.51	62.58	112.98	1,511.60	800.00	Active	1	Rent
109	Swan Lake	8	2	10	8	23	14	7	54.00	......	244.42	122.94	56.06	200.00	Active	1	Rent
117	Strathcona	12	1	13	22	40	18	25	226.50	......	413.52	Nil	2,540.02	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

13	Morden	10	2	12	44	40	23	10	78.00	295.00	844.16	Nil	1,200.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou	10	4	14	27	34	15	19	119.00	245.29	178.97	Nil	3,135.26	......	Active	1	Rent
36	Doric	12	2	14	13	81	22	17	145.00	......	682.96	Nil	2,952.00	3,500.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney	11	..	11	27	41	16	8	36.50	30.00	191.97	Nil	1,691.97	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	11	7	18	16	44	24	2	8.75	175.50	881.60	Nil	1,131.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	10	3	13	18	53	17	4	18.00	129.90	796.62	Nil	926.62	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright	11	..	11	14	18	14	9	70.00	55.50	344.00	Nil	484.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
14	Prince of Wales .	11	1	12	57	56	24	13	188.00	80.00	142.85	......	7,330.85	6,000.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian	12	..	12	6	52	19	6	34.00	......	374.40	......	3,174.40	1,800.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle	11	1	12	14	37	18	11	73.00	......	238.23	63.25	3,107.98	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
62	Russell	10	6	16	20	39	17	4	23.00	72.00	117.70	......	1,350.00	1,200.00	Active	1	Rent
84	Hamiota	10	2	12	7	47	18	12	90.00	120.00	287.60	......	287.60	200.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	11	3	14	57	33	18	16	132.00	......	385.08	715.60	1,973.88	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth	12	1	13	13	25	14	32	360.00	......	241.74	......	780.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota	11	3	14	23	33	18	8	50.00	......	161.26	......	2,761.26	1,825.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair	12	1	13	14	34	15	6	36.00	110.00	139.97	106.25	2,143.75	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers	9	4	13	32	39	19	6	42.80	......	773.61	......	1,600.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony	9	..	9	11	19	14	21	105.00	......	367.00	......	462.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
152	Foxwarren	11	..	11	63	23	14	7	46.00	22.00	163.68	......	1,800.00	1,300.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

27	Glenwood	10	4	14	85	88	33	32	232.00	35.00	1,192.35	580.00	9,420.00	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	12	9	21	17	72	25	2	40.00	42.00	644.86	84.50	1,732.36	300.00	Active	1	Rent
52	Hartney	8	6	14	34	62	38	9	63.00	10.00	460.28	......	1,607.34	800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	10	..	10	13	45	21	3	17.25	75.00	404.05	151.35	2,050.95	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka	11	1	12	30	43	22	11	75.00	......	356.79	......	1,056.79	100.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	7	..	7	11	58	22	4	23.00	43.98	545.88	......	520.88	Nil	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	2	14	20	136	45	30	240.00	961.00	546.81	......	14,342.91	4,500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	12	..	12	24	30	17	4	28.00	50.00	156.03	517.61	836.08	2,300.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon	10	13	23	76	132	33	..	......	194.00	1,988.33	136.00	1,852.33	300.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon	9	1	10	60	40	28	10	96.75	137.10	161.09	139.42	1,421.67	300.00	Active	3	Rent
44	Oak Lake	9	..	9	16	16	10	11	96.00	63.00	200.67	20.00	1,980.00	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
64	Composite	10	1	11	15	38	25	5	42.00	25.00	174.13	60.40	2,433.73	1,400.00	Active	2	Own
74	Elkhorn	10	2	12	28	24	14	8	75.00	300.00	467.72	2,986.25	156.00	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne	10	..	10	12	32	18	23	161.00	15.35	76.00	......	540.00	540.00	Active	3	Rent
113	Tweed	10	12	22	75	186	45	37	462.00	385.00	1,708.08	1,005.96	19,374.12	Nil	Active	2	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

6	Emerson	12	6	18	30	38	18	17	237.00	158.43	722.40	Nil	4,500.00	3,700.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon ..	10	1	11	22	48	25	10	96.00	25.00	399.22	Nil	4,000.00	2,200.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star	5	3	8	28	9	12	6	94.00	10.00	400.00	50.00	1,250.00	900.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh	10	1	11	29	54	30	13	92.00	45.00	607.14	75.45	4,823.69	250.00	Active	1	Rent
90	Midlothian	11	3	14	29	51	25	9	45.00	132.67	412.15	470.00	1,219.40	150.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	11	2	13	12	24	13	..	Nil	25.75	199.96	Nil	1,704.43	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia	9	..	9	14	26	22	..	Nil	82.80	344.26	56.55	1,037.71	300.00	Active	1	Rent
132	Sprague	12	2	14	14	12	11	3	21.00	Nil	224.92	Nil	500.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman	10	3	13	11	59	35	4	30.00	71.96	152.05	Nil	952.05	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion	9	1	10	76	105	35	43	414.00	70.00	430.04	128.00	6,838.34	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
94	Hiram	12	1	13	23	57	26	6	44.00	15.00	596.56	200.00	3,450.00	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns ..	9	..	9	12	20	14	6	42.00	60.00	34.25	36.00	466.71	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur ..	12	10	22	35	50	20	10	105.00	75.00	612.34	......	727.84	450.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin	12	..	12	13	43	24	1	10.00	......	110.93	......	1,390.00	750.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel	12	..	12	10	38	20	15	120.00	20.00	300.19	......	800.19	500.00	Active	1	Rent
128	Victory	12	3	15	15	28	16	5	22.00	4.13	545.73	......	545.73	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	10	1	11	19	37	14	7	56.00	21.00	532.51	32.51	600.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

2	Lisgar	10	8	18	39	99	33	..	259.00	265.00	803.25	Nil	4,000.00	3,000.00	Active	2	Own
12	Stonewall	12	7	19	31	80	46	1	12.00	653.22	495.91	800.00	2,407.91	1,800.00	Active	2	Own
112	Ophir	10	..	10	10	45	12	9	76.00	20.00	55.16	Nil	4,961.00	4,300.00	Active	2	Own
123	Transcona	10	9	19	30	130	40	22	264.00	117.11	1,261.32	Nil	4,304.94	500.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan	9	3	12	17	96	40	19	152.50	645.75	1,738.11	96.75	3,793.08	4,500.00	Active	1	Own
134	Stony Mountain .	11	6	17	13	48	21	17	89.00	......	586.70	Nil	2,149.81	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks	9	6	15	13	83	35	..	......	171.52	127.07	378.00	6,389.84	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
151	The Dormer ...	9	3	12	1	73	40	5	50.00	212.00	1,206.01	Nil	2,906.01	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls	10	2	12	18	32	15	..	......	29.09	722.96	356.60	2,138.72	400.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa ...	8	2	10	12	50	27	4	30.00	20.35	517.22	Nil	1,417.22	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	8	17	40	179	65	25	244.00	606.00	270.23	188.00	4,161.90	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	6	15	33	163	55	26	255.00	610.00	568.80	......	2,668.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk ...	9	3	12	21	81	40	14	181.50	187.40	1,170.26	261.00	3,610.76	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor	9	7	16	10	126	50	12	158.00	125.00	964.00	120.00	23,314.83	20,500.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	10	19	60	189	60	31	265.00	305.00	1,822.80	282.00	4,915.30	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	7	16	43	254	70	36	337.50	421.43	851.35	505.00	12,053.06	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
141	Tuscan	9	1	10	12	67	22	27	235.25	236.20	766.23	......	1,961.48	350.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai ...	9	3	12	30	227	60	22	236.00	132.00	1,469.53	722.29	9,134.24	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne ..	9	4	13	24	115	35	12	86.75	154.20	582.63	150.00	3,727.79	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek .	9	4	13	12	102	38	8	69.00	205.00	......	......	2,937.30	800.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	4	13	15	152	60	9	90.00	1,171.50	2,313.98	180.00	6,251.48	200.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER 31st DECEMBER, 1946

124	The Pas	11	6	17	42	63	25	12	113.75	50.00	65.80	11,160.96	1,194.09	6,400.00	Active	1	Own
153	Flin Flon	10	11	21	38	73	30	16	125.00	150.15	1,237.55	3,587.81	5,961.80	......	Active	1	Own

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary
Alpina	F. Muller-Ruegg	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	W. R. Simpson	Vancouver—692 Seymour Ave.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario)	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili	Rene Court	Santiago
Colombia	Enrique de Paramo	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver, 319 Masonic Temple.
Connecticut	Winthrop Buck	Hartford
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba	Dr. Constantino Pais	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen, 23 Blegdamsvej.
District of Columbia	Aubrey H. Clayton	Washington, D. C.
Equador	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza	Guayaquil
England	Sydney A. White	London
Egypt	Mohammed Bey Riffatt	Cairo, Box 148
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville (2)
France, G. L.		
France, N. G. L.		
Guatemala	Pedro Donis O.	Guatamala City
Georgia	Daniel W. Locklin	Macon
Honduras, C. A.	Constantino S. Ramos	Honduras, C. A.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	William H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	Earl B. Dalzell	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	New Orleans
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Boston, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, York G. L.	Fred T. Berger	Mexico City, D.F. Apt. 1896.
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian, Box 1030
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	Kansas City
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Omaha, 401 Masonic Temple
Netherlands		
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City, 500 Mountain St.
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430.
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord, 44 S. Main St.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Charles H. Johnson	New York
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Christchurch, C. I. P.O. Box 1293
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Northern China, D.G.L.		
Norway		
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Portland
Panama	Jose Oller	Panama, Apartado 84
Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Paraiba Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands		
Puerto Rico	Rodolfo Ramirez Pabon	San Juan
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112.
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	Dionysio Coutinho	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Santa Domingo	Jose Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Sao Paulo	Joffre Prestes	Sao Paulo, Brazil, P.O. Box 261
Scotland	W. King Gillies	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Africa	F. L. Knight	Cape Town
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas	George H. Belew	Waco
Utah	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Victoria	William Stewart	Melbourne, 25 Collins St
Vienna		
Virginia	James F. Clift	Richmond
Washington	John L. Preisener	Tacoma
West Virginia	I. Wade Coffman	Charleston, P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	A. E. Jensen	Perth, Box d-117, G.P.O.
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger.	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina	Wm. Planta	Berne, Switzerland.	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder.	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chili	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Eric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Tomas E. Sierra	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson.	Copenhagen	Sept. 4, 1946
District of Columbia	Needham C. Tumage	Washington	July 20, 1908
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
Egypt	Alfred Seffer	Cairo	Dec. 8, 1925
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci.	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	April 2, 1940
France, G.L.	Louis Doignon	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Irving Stahl	Guatemala	Oct. 31, 1945
Georgia	John A. Bishop	Atlanta	Feb. 1, 1933
Honduras	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	Harry J. Beers	New Albany	Feb. 5, 1945
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G.L.	R. B. E. Turnbull	Mexico City	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Lloyd Peabody	St. Paul	Nov. 29, 1931
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	W. J. Johnston	Thompson Falls	July 8, 1937
Nebraska	Ernest C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	K. G. Jorksveld	Utrecht	Feb. 2, 1939
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire	Donald W. Hopkins.	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	John G. Benton	Jal	Dec. 4, 1945
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct. 13, 1923
New York	Julius N. Hoff	Brooklyn	Mar. 15, 1945
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Oct. 15, 1909
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July, 1935

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan. 5, 1939
Norway	Jas. W. Berg	Oslo	Nov. 1, 1924
Nova Scotia	Rev. G. R. Thompson	Truro	May 18, 1943
Ohio	Forest R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	J. Gard Duncan	Wapanucka	Dec. 31, 1946
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Raymond L. Toledano	Panama	Dec. 1, 1926
Paràiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	Leon G. Reyes	Caguas	May 4, 1945
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May 8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island	Jas. B. Littlefield	Providence	Sept. 18, 1943
Rio de Janeiro	L. Bert Love	Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 11, 1944
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jan. 5, 1939
Saskatchewan	F. C. Hayes	Swift Current	July 23, 1945
Scotland	Rev. Hugh F. Reid	Chirnside	Jan. 8, 1930
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug. 1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April 24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar. 1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	John W. Buck	Park City	Oct. 4, 1945
Vermont	A. Horace Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	R. A. Hutchison	Manassas	Mar. 27, 1942
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellenburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia	Arthur G. Stiles	Perth	Aug. 16, 1934
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Francis H. Dagg	Holland	Mar. 31, 1920
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 22, 1930
Arizona	Oliver L. Best	Winnipeg	Mar. 29, 1944
Arkansas	Fred. H. Blythe	Winnipeg	
British Columbia	J. C. Grant	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1945
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sept. 13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May 13, 1920
Colombia	Chas. H. Wells	Winnipeg	June 4, 1947
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May 21, 1935
Costa Rica	R. McKenzie	Roland	May 30, 1923
Cuba, Island of	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May 27, 1940
Delaware	H. A. Adair	Treherne	Jan. 23, 1946
Denmark	Stanley H. Fabrni	Portage la Prairie	Oct. 17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. H. Steventon	Winnipeg	May 18, 1932
Ecuador	S. W. Robertson	Winnipeg	April 26, 1946
Egypt	Edward T. Hardman	Newdale	June 2, 1934
England	Justice Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June 12, 1935
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	April 30, 1945
France, N.G.L.	Chas. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
France, G.L.			
Guatemala	E. J. Smillie	Elgin	Apr. 20, 1946
Georgia	W. A. Prugh	Brandon	June 5, 1947
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	D. A. Best	Sturgeon Creek	Apr. 21, 1945
Illinois	William R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	Robert E. Emmett	St. James	April 3, 1944
Ireland	John T. Boyd	Winnipeg	Oct. 3, 1935
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June 15, 1914
Kentucky	Wm. McLellan	Winnipeg	Oct. 10, 1945
Louisiana	Charles E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Emerson	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	David Ferguson	Moosehorn	Nov. 5, 1945
Massachusetts	Hugh A. Innes	Winnipeg	May 1, 1945
Mexico, York G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	Dr. O. S. Ross	Virden	Mar. 1, 1941
Minnesota	Ben C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan. 13, 1938
Mississippi	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg	Feb. 9, 1945
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Winnipeg	Jan. 31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	Hugh Mackenzie	Winnipeg	Nov. 15, 1935
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July 9, 1921
Nevada	Harry Coddington	Winnipeg	June 4, 1947
New Brunswick	Canon Geo. R. Calvert	Winnipeg	April 27, 1938
New Hampshire	George Hunter	Winnipeg	Dec. 6, 1926
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbett	Stonewall	May 27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June 10, 1921
New York	Rev. Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robert Peel	Miniota	Sept. 4, 1941
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	McKenzie Island	Jan. 18, 1937
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	MacGregor	Oct. 24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	Arthur E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Oklahoma	Harry M. Smith	Melita	Feb. 24, 1941
Oregon	J. James Henderson	St. James	June 20, 1924
Paraiba	Alex. Campbell	Winnipeg	1946
Philippine Islands	John Livesey	Swan River	1947
Panama			
Puerto Rico	George V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island			
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland	J. D. Harrower	Wawanesa	Jan. 24, 1946
Rhode Island	Dr. J. R. C. Evans	Brandon	Oct. 18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro	W. C. McDonald	Roland	1947
Santa Domingo	William G. Shaw	Elgin	May 30, 1932
Saskatchewan	Alex. Burgess	Winnipeg	Jan. 21, 1937
Scotland	William Douglas	Winnipeg	1936
South Australia	Daniel Hawe	Benito	Jan. 14, 1931
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940
South Dakota	Jas. Wardrope	Winnipeg	Apr. 10, 1945
Tasmania	Thos. Dodsworth	Winnipeg	July 21, 1945
Tennessee	James S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Forrest	Feb. 14, 1941
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	Dr. Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May 13, 1932
Victoria	Raymond M. Snider	Stonewall	June 20, 1945
Vienna			
Virginia	Harry Woods	Winnipeg	Aug. 7, 1935
Washington	George R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May 20, 1929
West Virginia	David Griffith	St. Vital	Nov. 27, 1944
Western Australia	A. J. Wright	St. Vital	1946
Wisconsin	Norman M. Hall	Winnipeg	May 7, 1945

MASONIC REVIEWS
1946-1947

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

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All Grand Lodge Proceedings
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CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

ARIZONA. Grand Master. 1946

This last year, as you will note by the Grand Secretary's report, has been one of the most prosperous in our history. Our increase in membership has been remarkable. This trend will no doubt continue for some years. Being one who entered Masonry during the last war and having seen the great loss of members when the period of prosperity is passed, I cannot but speak a word of caution.

Masonry is or should be a select Order made up of those who have the physical, mental and moral capacity to learn, understand and practice the philosophy of Masonry.

As I have traveled about the state complaints have come to me that some of the new members are not attending Lodge and that others have seemingly joined the Lodges for the sole purpose of becoming members of the so-called higher bodies. That quite a few do not learn the third degree lecture. It is this Grand Master's contention that a brother cannot understand or appreciate the work of the so-called higher degrees until he is well grounded in the lessons of the first three. He should be made to understand that Ancient Craft Masonry is the basis and foundation of all Masonic teaching and that it is the supreme Masonic authority in this Jurisdiction. The third degree lecture is the most important of all the lectures for without a knowledge of this he is not able to meet his Masonic brethren or attend a foreign Lodge.

CALIFORNIA. Grand Master. 1946

The Grand Master reported that on July 5th he set sail for the Hawaiian Islands for the first time in five years, with the Masonic emblem flying from the masthead of the "S.S. Matsonia," in his report he mentions that there is evidence that a clandestine Lodge of Masonry is operating in the Islands and drawing into its fold numerous candidates of Polynesian, Chinese, Japanese and mixed extractions. Some of our serious minded brethren on the Islands are of the opinion that it will not be long before applications for a Dispensation to charter a so-called International Lodge. It will undoubtedly be the subject of much controversy. Grand Lodge may have to consider this subject sooner we think, in its solution, if it is shown that the applicants are good men and true, I hope that we may be as tolerant as the people in the Islands are toward each other. If, on the other hand, the application should originate from those who have selfish or mercenary motives, we should not hesitate to deny the application.

CALIFORNIA. Grand Secretary. 1946

California shows a net gain of 11,384 and a total net membership of 161,752. Evidences that their lodges have been busy form the fact that they have conferred 41,401 degrees on their own candidates.

CANADA (in Ontario). Grand Master. 1946

Our membership as of 31st of December, 1945, was 99,509, an increase of 3,338, details of which will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary. Lodge Summonses received since the 1st of January would indicate that we again exceed 100,000 in numbers.

There is no doubt in my mind that the so-called average man on the street is thinking along more serious lines as a result of experiences during the past six years. A survey of applicants seeking admission would indicate more than average maturity in age. If these assumptions are correct, we may reasonably expect that they are prompted to solicit those privileges by reason of a sincere wish to render themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellowmen. Again assuming their sincerity, a duty devolves upon us.

CANADA (in Ontario). Committee on Condition of Masonry. 1946

The problem of Masonic Education seems to be causing the Lodges a considerable amount of agitation. This is as it should be as from this condition something will come that will be of concrete and progressive nature. This problem of Masonic Education has been one that it has been rather difficult for the Lodges in general to do very much about. Men as a rule will do those things that they can see require to be done. They will build a temple; they will construct and furbish a Lodge room; they will make the proper furniture; they will make things letter perfect in ritual. All these things they do perfectly because they see and can know them. Education, on the other hand, is something that each and every individual Mason must construct a foundation which he, and he alone, can furnish. The things of Saul are not the things of David nor yet of Solomon. In other words what is the goal of Masonic Education? The chairman of the Committee of Masonic Education, R.W. Brother Nelson Hart, has given a great deal of study to this matter and the work that he has done cannot be estimated. We know that the seed which he has sown will burgeon and bear fruit. The District Deputy from Windsor, in his report, refers to this subject as follows:—

> "Masonic Education during the past year has received serious consideration. Right Wor. Bro. D. Paterson, who was in charge, has rendered valuable service. He has emphasized that the need for education is in direct proportion to the number of new members and therefore in inverse proportion to the time available as all Lodges seem to be having a full share of candidates, which leaves less time for educational purposes. However, I feel that the efforts put forth this last year will greatly assist in maintaining the standard of Masonic knowledge we all hope for. We have faith to believe that once the foundations are truly laid and the frame work constructed that time will be found to explore those realms whence decorations may be brought suitable to adorn the structure we have built, the jewels of thought whose colour does not fade."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1946

The Grand Master reports that the state of the Craft is excellent. Financially they are sound; membership is increasing; Lodges are busy; Masonic spirit evidenced in enthusiasm.

IRELAND. Deputy Grand Master. 1946

In Natal a new Lodge, Donoughmore, has been founded. The promoters wrote to the Grand Master for permission to call the Lodge after him, (the Grand Master being the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P.), and the Grand Master wrote the Deputy Grand Master to know if he thought that the Grand Lodge would object to a Lodge, being called after a living Brother. This matter being taken up at Grand Lodge was approved and endorsed.

Brother Streit, Shanghai, reports that some brethren at great risk to themselves, got possession of the warrant and records of Lodge Erin, and saved them by placing them in neutral custody. The Lodge is open again and regular meetings held. Some members have gone to Hong Kong and have petitioned for a warrant for an Irish Lodge there.

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1945

Masonry has decidedly been "on the move" in this Jurisdiction, showing a net gain in membership of 5,157 and in physical assets have been among the greatest in history of our Grand Lodge. To these tangible gains have added those great intangibles which are inevitably the by-products of such achievements. Growing, successful lodges are happier lodges, their officers inspired to better work, their members more interested, their influence in the community greater. In all these things we rejoice, but at the same time we pray that these additions to the Masonic structure have been built into it soundly and firmly so that no weakness will be exposed when adverse winds blow.

The historical experience of this and other organizations has been that in eras of material prosperity, war economic conditions which bring people from small communities into the industrial or commercial centers, social and fraternal societies enjoy substantial growth. Such conditions beget a sense of loneliness and isolation which drives these victims of dislocated relationship to seek the sheltership of the Masonic Lodge. By the same token the reversal of these conditions, or a period of depression, result in a reversal of this trend and all gains may disappear.

The most dangerous period for us is a period of prosperity. Upon us rests the heavy responsibility of making certain that these new members are properly instructed. They have come to us looking for bread. See ye to it that they are not handed a stone. Ours is the responsibility of conferring the degrees in such a manner as to impress these postulants with their dignity, their beauty, their philosophy and their power to enrich the lives of men. Ours is the responsibility of seeing to it that the new brother shall find in the lodge a sympathetic, cordial atmosphere in which he is welcomed with a degree of personal solicitude that satisfies the craving of his soul for friendly, understanding brotherhood. If we measure up to that responsibility we shall have been both wise and good Masons and may contemplate with serene confidence the recession of the tide which has always followed its flooding.

The last great flood tide was a quarter of a century ago, at which time thousands of applicants were accepted without proper "screening" and without proper preparation or "processing." The ritual exemplifications were "streamlined" until their real purpose and value disappeared. Candidates learned only a few means of identification and nothing of the beauty, the philosophy, or the ideology of the great institution of Freemasonry. Hence it was perfectually natural that they experienced no real interest or enthusiasm and ultimately became unaffiliated as the logical result of disappointment and indifference. I have no patience with those Masonic speakers and writers who criticize these men who fell away from us in such numbers in the past decade and a half. We were ourselves at fault more than they, and our beloved fraternity became the victim of our own apostasy. Let us here and now highly resolve that this shall never happen again.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1946

I am very happy to report that peace and harmony prevails throughout the State. With few exceptions our

Lodges are active and well attended. One of the aims which I had at the beginning of the year was to maintain the excellent condition of peace and harmony which has existed in our Grand Lodge from the time of its creation.

It is with much pleasure to report that we do not have any delinquent Lodges in the State and may I add, without exception the constituent Lodges have co-operated on all matters of interest to the Grand Lodge.

Our suspension list is small. It is indeed gratifying to see so many suspended members reinstating. Even though our purpose is to put more Masonry into men rather than more men into Masonry, we have had during the past 12 months a very substantial increase in membership.

It is indeed gratifying and encouraging to see so many of our Lodges throughout the State in the process of erecting new temples. Many of them are constructing temples strictly for fraternal use while others are constructing or considering constructing buildings for the use of fraternal purposes with the ground floor being for rent as a commercial enterprise. I am of the firm opinion that it would be well for the officers of the constituent Lodges to consult the Grand Lodge before getting into any commercial enterprise. The Grand Lodge's records will disclose many instances where commercial ventures on the part of constituent Lodges have brought them much grief and great financial loss as well as loss in membership.

MISSISSIPPI. Grand Secretary. 1946

The Grand Secretary reports an increase of 3,130 in membership.

MAINE. Grand Master. 1946

For the fourth consecutive year our Grand Lodge shows a substantial gain in membership, the net gain for 1945-46 being 1,421. The total of 2,002 Masons raised during the past year is the largest since 1922. The 130 suspensions is likewise the smallest since 1922. Reports indicate a larger number of meetings and a higher average attendance. Unpaid dues are the lowest in several years. These facts indicate that Maine Masonry is in a prosperous and healthy condition.

In recording impressive statistics however, we fail to measure the much more important and basic factor, namely the extent to which the fundamental principles of our time-honored institution are being practiced.

It is natural that with more degree work, the interest and attendance is greater. However, it is timely to inquire what efforts are being made to inculcate into new Masons, the philosophy of our teachings beyond that absorbed through degree work. Those lodges which have been raising many candidates, have an unusual opportunity to establish a "Beginners Class" for the purpose of giving supplementary instruction. It might be worth while for every lodge to have a "New Brothers' Night" annually, for the purpose of bringing together all those who have been raised during the year, and to give the members further opportunity to become acquainted.

MASSACHUSETTS. Grand Master. 1946

MEMBERSHIP

As we come to the end of the Masonic fiscal year, it is always interesting to know whether we are going forward or backward so far as our numerical strength is concerned.

A year ago this time we were some forty-five per cent ahead of the previous year's figures in the making of new Masons. When the final figures were in hand, that percentage held and we had a substantial gain in this respect. Our net gain of course was not in the same proportion. We have been through a long period of subnormal initiations. During this time, since 1929, our average age has been increasing rapidly and our losses because of deaths, demits and suspenions have been large. The result last year, when we had a real increase in new members—some 4,900—was that our net membership increased only by two thousand.

This year we are again ahead of last year's figures on initiations by some twenty per cent. It is of course too early to know what the final figures will be for the year which ends on August 31st next, but I should be satisfied if we hold our own and perhaps show a slight net gain in our total membership.

It is very gratifying to be able to show an increase in our membership, and just at this time it is unusual for a Lodge to be other than busily engaged in the making of Master Masons. We are told that money is plentiful and it is only natural that some of this money should be used in purchasing degrees in Masonry.

Over the years, Grand Masters have spoken of the danger of losing sight of the fact that it is not numbers that we are interested in. Our experiences following some of these periods of unusual activity in the past have not always been most fortunate. This was not confined to Massachusetts alone, but extended over the country as a whole.

I want to repeat what has been said so many times before, that we have a responsibility to keep our standards of membership at a high level and do not seem to run after every one who knocks at our doors. The pre-application committee in each Lodge has it within its powers to consider each applicant carefully and to sift out any undesirable material and thus build soundly for the future and perhaps forestall any necessity for wholesale suspensions such as may have occurred in the past.

Briefly, our object should not be to get more men into Masonry but rather to put more Masonry into men.

MONTANA. Grand Master. 1947

My own observation during the year and reports from Grand Lodge officers on their visitations to Lodges in their districts indicate that peace and harmony generally prevail and that Masonry is flourishing in Montana. Almost all Lodges are in good shape financially, many have acquired new temples, remodelled old ones, or are contemplating building. Most lodges have had about all the degree work they could handle, and, as the Grand Secretary's report will show, there has been a substantial gain in membership in the jurisdiction during the year.

This increase in membership is gratifying, but also is cause for serious thought, and raises an important question; one that was given considerable attention at the Grand Masters' conference in Washington—namely, are we making Masons too fast, is there danger of a repetition of conditions that prevailed during the 1930 decade?

It seems to me that many of our Lodges could well give more scrutiny to those seeking admission, and more time to those who are admitted. There is no inherent virtue in mere numbers, and the Lodge that gives all its time and energy to the conferring of degrees is not serving the Fraternity as well as the one which, despite a heavy load of degree work, gives regularly scheduled meetings to an educational program. If we merely make members and fail to make Masons,, if we fail to stimulate the interest of those we admit, we are, I fear, heading for another debacle such as we experienced a few years ago, and for the same reasons. May we apply the lessons we learned, or should have learned, from past experiences.

NEW JERSEY. Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. 1945-1946

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M.W. Grand Master reading as follows:

> Requirements for Visitors:
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> "It has been brought to my attention that members have vouched for visitors because they sat in lodge with them at some time, yet have no knowledge that the one they vouch for is in good standing. Many of these visitors have been suspended Masons and only last year I learned of two visitors, vouched for, who were members of a clandestine lodge. To correct this the Grand Secretary has been instructed to have placards printed for

distribution to the lodges and to be displayed in the ante-room when they meet, bearing the following notice:

'Visitors, whether or not vouched for, must present a receipt for dues for the current or next preceeding year, before being allowed to sign the register, or being given an examination.' "

Your Committee fraternally reports that it has carefully considered the recommendation and is in agreement in general with the principle involved. It is of the opinion, however, that to exclude from the privilege of visitations all who may be in arrears for dues for two years even though they may be in good standing in their lodges, might work injustice and that further time is required for satisfactorily working out the details. It, therefore, requests and recommends that the matter be laid over for one year.

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master. 1946

In the past four years Masonry has been constantly on the forward move in this and all Grand Jurisdictions. Our tangible gains in membership and physical assets have been among the greatest in the history of our Grand Lodge. To these have been added those great intangibles which are the by-products of such achievements. Growing, successful Lodges are happier Lodges, their Officers inspired to do better work. In all these we rejoice, but at the same time we pray that these additions to the Masonic structure have been built into it soundly and firmly, so that no weakness will be exposed when adverse winds blow.

The history and experience of this and other organizations have been that in eras of material prosperity lies the most danger for us, and upon us rests, therefore, the responsibility of making certain that these new members coming to us looking for bread are not handed a stone. The last great flood tide was a quarter of a century ago when thousands of applicants were accepted without proper screening and without proper preparation or processing. Conferring the degrees was streamlined until their real purpose and value disappeared. Candidates learned only a few means of identification and nothing or little of the beauty and philosophy of Freemasonry. Hence it was perfectly natural that they experienced little interest and ultimately became unaffiliated as a result of disappointment and indifference. We ourselves are at fault more than they, and our beloved Fraternity became the victim of our own apathy. Let us here and now resolve that this shall never happen again.

OREGON. Grand Master. 1946

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATIONS

It has been my privilege to issue dispensations to seven Lodges. From my observation, it appears that the smaller Lodges are the firm foundation on which Freemasonry rests; consequently, the opportunity of testing this theory has been welcomed.

Attention has been called to the fact that some of our Lodges are becoming top heavy with members, who, after they become familiar with degree work, are rarely seen inside the Lodge room. For this, we cannot blame the individual, as only a few can participate in our work and, in my opinion, the interested member is the one who has opportunity to be active.

One dislikes to believe that Lodges are thinking more in terms of fees rather than the good they might be able to do for this sick old world—one dislikes to think that Lodges exist for the benefit of beautiful temples rather than those things they could accomplish for the good of humanity—and looking at the overall picture, it would seem that the pendulum has started to swing back; this is manifesting itself by requests for dispensations, which after thorough investigation as to the probable perpetuity of such Lodges, have been granted in the following order.

Taft Lodge, set to work, June 30, 1945.
Ainsworth Lodge, Salem, set to work July 17, 1945.
Sweet Home Lodge, set to work August 9, 1945.
Alsea Bay Lodge, Waldport, set to work April 13, 1946.
Kingwood Lodge, West Salem, set to work May 14, 1946.
Oak Ridge Lodge, Oak Ridge, set to work May 25, 1946.
Oregon Military Lodge, Frankfurt, Germany.

It is also my recommendation to this Grand Body that charters be issued to Taft Lodge U.D., Ainsworth Lodge U.D., Sweet Home Lodge U.D. and Alsea Bay Lodge U.D.

OREGON MILITARY LODGE U.D.

During the Grand Masters' Conference, the Commission sent to Europe by the Masonic Service Association, to study the needs of Freemasonry, reported that as far as the people of Germany were concerned, Freemasonry was dead, and would remain so for many years; consequently, when your Grand Master received a letter from Brother Stanley Q. Wentz, a member of Hawthorne Lodge No. 111 of Portland, enclosing a petition of a proper number of Master Masons desiring to establish a Military Lodge in the American Headquarters of the Army of Occupation located in Frankfurt, Germany, he felt very kindly toward the idea.

After consulting with the Grand Lodge Trustees, and others he decided that a dispensation was justifiable. Champoeg Lodge No. 27 of Canby, Oregon, signified that they would act as a sponsoring or nearest Lodge, and when that action had been taken and the petitioners found to be qualified, a dispensation was issued and air mailed to Frankfurt, Germany, where John P. Merrill, P.M. Amicable Lodge, N. Cambridge, Mass., acting as proxy of the Grand Master, instituted the Lodge.

Perhaps some may think this was not an action of necessity especially when, in the years of the first World War such action was refused; however, if you were overseas during that period, you will admit that there is unusual opportunity for Masonic Lodges to do much good and act as a haven for Americans in a strange land.

After searching the Masonic Code of Oregon, I find nothing that prohibits the establishment of a Military Lodge in a country where Freemasonry is not operating; also, it seemed to me that if the Grand Master of Oregon is empowered to make a Mason at sight he would surely have the lesser power of instituting a Masonic Lodge where he deemed a Masonic Lodge was necessary, especially if it did not conflict with any other Grand Jurisdiction.

Precedent? I do not believe we need a precedent when it comes to serving our fellow-man, and while it is not my intention to whip up a wave of patriotism in this Grand Body to sustain this action, nevertheless it would be appreciated if every one would picture to himself just what a Lodge of Freemasons would mean if he were in a foreign country, and scheduled to stay there for several years.

I trust that this dispensation will be continued by future Grand Masters, or by the Grand Lodge itself, until such time as the need for this Lodge has ceased.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE

During the year past, your Grand Master has given much thought to those within our borders who, due to circumstances of birth find it difficult to gain admission to Freemasonry. There are many such who qualify in all respects for the privileges of Freemasonry.

Many of these persons are either in business or are taking post graduate courses in our institutions of advanced learning. They are definitely people of good character; however, they have hesitated to petition our Lodges not knowing just what reaction would be encountered.

Information has been given to me that they often have been approached by those desiring to establish clandestine Lodges. To their credit, we have been informed that they have steadfastly refused the spurious organization and, in an attempt to overcome this evil and give them the opportunity of becoming members of the Craft, would it not be a good idea for twelve or more of our liberal minded Brethren to organize a Cosmopolitan Lodge for the purpose of considering petitions from those to whom reference has already been made?

I trust this receives more than a passing glance or thought for it is a problem we, or our sons, will have to face in the future.

RESOLUTION

Cosmopolitan Lodge

To The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the portion of the Grand Master's address relative to granting a dispensation to a Cosmopolitan Lodge be referred to the committee on Dispensations and Charters for further study and report at next Annual Communication.

We recommend that if such lodge be organized that the dispensation be granted by the Grand Lodge rather than by the Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,
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HARRY W. SWAFFORD
Committee on Resolutions.

A substitute motion was made that the dispensation be granted by the Grand Master if application is properly made therefor and if the Grand Master in all other respects finds the applying groups to be proper.

Resolution and amendment tabled.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP

During my visits to Lodges in the Jurisdiction, I could not help but observe that the smaller the Lodge, the higher percent attendance was recorded. This confirms my belief that many of our Lodges are becoming topheavy in membership.

One of the values of Freemasonry is the opportunity one has in knowing his fellows, of becoming conversant with his problems, of sharing his joys and assisting in the alleviation of his sorrows. If this be so—how can one justify a Lodge so large that only ten per cent or less attend—a Lodge so large that members are not known to each other.

There are twenty-two Lodges in this Jurisdiction that have more than 400 members, one is openly boasting that it intends to have a thousand. It would sometimes seem that we have lost many of our old ideals, that we are allowing the production and assembly line method of thinking to enter our Fraternal world, that we are selfishly thinking of records in numbers rather than records of members who are doing something for the benefit of humanity in general. No wonder we lose good material to other organizations.

It is to be hoped that all large Lodges will see the folly of having a membership that rarely attends, and will sanction, aid and encourage the formation of other Lodges from their midst. To my mind this would be doing our Fraternity a real service, and be an act of kindness to many who would appreciate the opportunity of doing something more than being an audience.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1946

Abstract of the Proceedings 1946.

The Great Architect of the Universe has showered us with his richest blessings: let us therefore daily give thanks in word and deed.

When, as incoming Grand Master. I addressed you a year ago today, the first matter of my interest and concern was the problem presented by the rapid increase of our membership: were we so busy making members that we had no time to make Masons? That question is even more pressing today, for while in 1944 we initiated 9,973 and 12,080 in 1945, that number in 1946 was over 16,000, the second largest in the 216 years of our history.

I do not wish to repeat all that I said on the subject last year; but I must be even more emphatic in pointing out our responsibilities in the situation. We must take our making of Masons more seriously. We must do our ritualistic work in a proper and dignified way, for first impressions are important and lasting. We must continue to show a personal interest in our new members after they have taken as well as while they are taking their degrees. This interest must be planned, especially by the Worshipful Master and the Secretary of the Lodge, and the recommenders of initiates must be impressed into service in such plans. More specifically, the recommenders should again and again invite those, whom they sponsored, to go with them to the Lodge meetings and to visit in other Lodges.

Lodge officers must plan their work so that the interest in stated meetings shall not be killed by the conferring of undue numbers of degrees. They should plan programs that are instructive as well as entertaining. This advice I would recommend particularly to all Wardens, especially Junior Wardens. It is too late to begin planning after a man has has become Master of the Lodge.

This problem of making Masons rather than members is particularly urgent in some of our largest and our most rapidly growing Lodges. At least four Lodges have each received over 170 new members this year, and one Lodge initiated over 200. In addition to the inevitable lowering of the standard of the ritualistic work under such circumstances, several further causes for concern arise.

When 66 names of petitioners are listed on a single Lodge notice, as occured in one instance, a stated meeting is given over largely to balloting. If all members present were to vote, as required by the Ahiman Rezon (unless excused by the Master, on his own application), it would take all night to perform that function. Therefore what happens is an unwise decline in the exercise by members of their duty to guard against the admission of the unworthy.

When the Master of a Lodge finds himself confronted with the task of appointing over 200 Committees of Inquiry in a single year, he must decide between overworking a few conscientious Past Masters or appointing inexperienced members to perform this most important function of checking on petitioners. However he decides, the inquiries will be hurriedly or carelessly made. The members of the Committee all sign their report stating that "they have made diligent and careful inquiry as to all matters which pertain to the character and residence of the petitioner." Yet from several parts of the State there have come to my attention glaring errors of inadequate inquiry; errors among the least of which is the failure of the petitioner to give his legal (voting!) residence, while others have involved obvious defects of character, such as previous convictions for felony, evidence of current marital infidelity, and obvious ill repute in the community.

Committees of Inquiry have a vitally important task to perform. They must satisfy themselves that the petitioner is an honorable, honest, sober, industrious, law abiding man, who associates with and is well thought of by worthwhile people; that his education and intelligence are such as to make him capable of understanding, learning and practicing the lessons that Freemasonry teaches; that he is qualified both physically and by reason of legal residence to petition. The answers to all of these questions may at times be perfectly obvious; but when they are not obvious, they must the more diligently be sought for, not merely from the petitioner, but neighbors, associates and such others as good judgment may suggest. That takes time and intelligent, conscientious effort.

Yet another by-product of our rapid growth is the development of Lodges that are too large. The larger a Lodge becomes, the more does it defeat its fundamental purpose of promoting a personal, a friendly, a brotherly relationship between its members. The small Lodge has a tremendous advantage over the large by reason of the fact that every member in it knows every other. But in this country we are all too prone to pay homage to the fetish of bigness. Our largest Lodges are therefore often the least willing to set any limits to their own growth. Nor will my counsel on this matter have any more effect than did that of Grand Masters who have preceeded me. Perhaps it would therefore be wise if some day the Grand Lodge itself would take action to curb the rate of growth of Lodges in this Jurisdiction. I certainly advise the study of such possible action.

It is with some concern that I view the lack of formation of any new Lodges, in spite of the rapid growth of our membership. There are several populous communities in the State that have no Masonic Lodge. In others, a single very large Lodge serves a population large enough to support two or three Lodges. In addition to the arguments already stated against Lodges with too many members, there is the further advantage of having two Lodges in a community that in such places there is less dissension in the Craft and little or no un-Masonic use of the ballot.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1946

The Grand Master reports that many applicants continue to knock at the doors of Freemasonry, and that the report of the Grand Secretary reveals a net increase of 2,921 for the past year, and for the last year a net increase of 3,214 making a total of 6,135. This Grand Lodge did not hold its Annual Communication in 1945 owing to Government regulations.

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1946

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

I have had inquiries from a few lodges about life memberships and the fees which should be charged therefor. Life membership, in my judgment, is a dangerous and unwise thing unless reduced to a conservative actuarial basis and fees charged which will produce, at current interest rates, an annual return of not less than two-thirds of the annual dues charged. Any and all funds from life memberships should be segregated, wisely invested, and only the interest available for current uses. All in all I believe lodges would be happier and more prosperous to let life memberships strictly alone.

There is another form of life membership recognized in the By-laws of many of our lodges, which seems to me unwise. I refer to the remission of all dues to all members when they reach a certain age or have been members for a certain number of years. Two lodges in this state are now each carrying about 125 members without dues, but are paying, of course, the Grand Lodge per capita. Some lodges pass on this per capita, but not many. This dues-free load is a drain on any lodge. Personally, I see no reason why a man seventy years of age or more should not contribute to the maintenance cost of his lodge if he is financially able. If he is not able, remission each year, generously administered, is an easy way out.

So important do I deem this matter that I make bold to recommend that this Grand Lodge, for the protection of our Lodges and to give an adequate excuse to relieve any possible embarrassment in their relations with ageing members, legislate as follows:

1. That all lodges be urged and requested to eliminate life memberships and/or remission of dues because of age or years of membership, to include all present members who have joined within the past ten years, and all members hereafter joining; and

2. That all lodges be required to pass on to and collect from all members entitled to remission of dues because of age and/or years of membership, all Grand Lodge per capita charges and assessments, subject, of course, to the right of each lodge to remit such charges and assessments but only in cases of actual indigence, whereupon such remission shall be credited on per capita and assessments due Grand Lodge.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1946

A net gain in memberhip of 1,611 is reported and from information received, undoubtedly the incoming year will show a larger increase. To the uninformed brother, this may appear to be Masonic prosperity, and in a sense it is. But danger lurks around the corner, if the experiences of twenty-five years ago are repeated. We are making members promiscuously whose intentions and motives are not sincerely Masonic and whose interest will wane as soon as the initial glamour of being a Mason has worn off. It is my opinion, therefore, that the committees of investigation, particularly in our smaller lodges, should give due consideration of the purpose of the candidates in presenting their petitions, and it should be determined what their motives are in seeking membership in our Craft. Even though some of them may appear to be good material for membership at the time of the presentation of their petitions, care should be taken to determine whether or not they will continue to be sincere and loyal Masons when time of distress appears.

A situation allied to this subject is one that will soon be offering difficulty. There are several lodges in our metropolitan areas that have too large a membership. The results are unwieldiness in the lodge activities and programmes and discouragement on the part of younger and newer members to attain offices in the lodges. There has been some suggestion that membership in any one lodge be limited to 500 members. Although I am of the opinion that such a move would be advisable to secure the desired results, it would not now be feasible from a practical standpoint. There are not sufficient Temples in existence to accommodate any new lodges. A study of this situation by the larger lodges is suggested.

SOLICITATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Another situation has arisen that has been discussed to a great extent among the Craft of the State. There are certain bodies whose existence is based upon the symbolic lodge. Extreme competition for membership has arisen among them to such a degree that the solicitation for membership is becoming obnoxious. The instance has been known when a Fellow Craft, before he had been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, was approached with a petition for membership in one of these bodies. Obviously such practice is not healthy for any of the organizations.

ARIZONA. Grand Master. 1946

This has been one of the most eventful and momentous years in the history of man. The day following our last Grand Lodge brought the sad loss of the President and event after event followed in rapid succession.

With the rest of the world Masonry has felt the impact of these changing times. Yet we are more fortunate than many institutions for our Brethren are, or should be, so deeply steeped in the teachings of Masonry and Americanism that the various types of totalitarianism which arise about us should leave us standing more firmly upon the rock of Freedom and Equality than before. One has but to see the misery following in the wake of totalitarianism to make us fear it and avoid it as a plague.

It is true that nothing in this world remains stable but fundamental truths. We often lose sight of these in this day of rapid change. Let us, for a moment, turn back to a few of those fundamentals that we may stand on firm ground from whence we may make true progress.

The cornerstone of our Anglo-American Civilization is our concept of God and Man's relationship to Him as expressed in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This is a fundamental Masonic dogma which, with the belief in an after life, is the only religious dogma of our Craft. Though Masonry is not a religion we have this religious belief in which we are all or should be confirmed. This is also deep seated political dogma for in it are all the fundamental seeds from which grow our concept of freedom and the equality of man. Thus, while we are not and never should be of any political party, our members should have certain fundamental political concepts in which they are unalterably confirmed. We believe in the dignity of the individual and that the rights of Man as set forth in the Magna Charta, the Anglican Law and the Bill of Rights, are essential to that dignity.

Other organizations are endeavoring to make man better mentally, morally and spiritually as are we. But there is none other which has in the past brought forth and maintained the concept of freedom as has Masonry. Our very name of Freemason proclaims our mission. For this political ideal our brethren in all lands have risked their honor, their lives and their fortunes. The story of Masonry from the Philippines to Russia in this last war is a brave tale of our continuing belief in and sacrifice for this principle.

The guns are silent but around the shining table sit the men in black tailed coats and the game they play involves the attainment or loss of freedom.

The struggle between Freedom and Totalitarianism goes on and will go on. As our brethren have given so much in the last military struggle, let us continue to support them in time of peace, so that the gains they have given us be not lost in diplomatic maneuvering.

CANADA (IN ONTARIO). Grand Master. 1946

We are again assembled to review our Masonic stewardship for the past year and lay our plans for the year to come. To say we are living in strange and perplexing times is expressing an age-old thought, perhaps never more true than to-day, when discord, fear, hate and strife are rampant.

Some observations might well be made about the road over which we have come, and whither bound. This Grand Lodge meeting ought to be a period of jubilation and thanksgiving. Peace and harmony prevail within our ranks, with a substantial increase in our membership, the restoration of members, and we have the love and confidence of so many other Jurisdictions in Canada and in other Nations. A year ago, there still remained a cloud over the world. It is true our armed forces had won a glorious victory in the European theatre of war: but the Empire of Japan was still a menace to the peace and welfare of the world. In an incredibly short time after the dropping of the atomic bombs, Japan surrendered, and a dramatic finish came to one of the most destructive wars in the history of mankind. For this reason this ought to be the happiest of assemblies.

Still, all is not well with the world. There is much unrest and upheaval, terrific waves are lashing against our ship of state. Think of the waves of crime, the raping of women, theft, hold-ups, black markets, etc. Then think of the waves of distrust—Capital distrusts Labour and Labour distrusts Capital; Nations distrust each other. Think of the International picture in China, Palestine, India, Egypt and on the Continent of Europe; the hunger and the want and the evil attitudes so rampant everywhere. It looks as if our ship of state needed steadying. Can you think of anything stronger than the Anchors of Masonry to keep us steady and sure amid the storm and stress of the times?

You ask "What are these Anchors?" First—The belief in the Fatherhood of God. God is for us, His children, and not against us. He is ever working and building and perfecting His world for man. Second—Belief in the Brotherhood of Man. Men in all walks of life must come closer together in understanding, friendship and good-will. Third—Practice of the Golden Rule in all relationships of life—the doing unto others as you would that others should do unto you. These are the Anchors that will keep us safe when everything about us is falling to pieces.

Will this Civilization survive? It would seem as if the world were being driven by inscrutable powers over the precipice to destruction. Never did mankind have so much material power in his control. We are truly living in the Atomic Age, and every place you look you can see Power. There is the Power of the Home—out of which ought to stream the greatest force in the world, Love. Instead, we see hunger, juvenile delinquency and divorce. There is the Power of Sport—out of which ought to stream laughter and fair play. But, instead, we have seen Sport so commercialized that the main purpose of it has been lost. There is the Power of Education—out of which ought to stream light and wider fellowship. Even here there is still much to be desired in the results achieved. There is the Power of Industry. Masonry calls us to labour and the happy stream of contentment ought to flow from this Power, but it is tragic what we see in the ranks of Labour and Capital to-day. There is the Power of the Government—a Government ought to be "of the people, for the people, by the people"—that is the great democratic end toward which we press; and yet, even here what corrupt practices and selfishness are observed. Then there is also the Power of the Church—out of which ought to stream a great spiritual light, showing man the Way to God; and everyone will agree that even in the Church, a revival of religion is needed.

The fundamental issue of life to-day is spiritual, not material; not how much have I, but what kind of man am I; not how much power lies in my hand, but what kind of human being am I; what use am I making of all the increased power? Robert L. Stevenson, in his favourite book, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, pointed out the ancient truth found in the Volume of the Sacred Law—"In man there is much evil and much good." Power in the control of evil men will destroy and annihilate, but Power in the control of good men will be useful and purposeful. The task of Masonry is to develop the good, the aesthetic, the moral, the truth. Power in the hands of moral and upright men will be for the strengthening and building of world civilization.

APPRECIATION

This, for me, has been an unforgettable year. The responsibilities of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction are enough to bewilder and overwhelm any man were it not for the loyalty and support of Grand Lodge Officers and members and the Craft in general. To them all I express my sincere appreciation for their unfailing support.

Since the ending of the carnage that has taken the greatest toll of human lives in history and caused destruction beyond all estimate, it is my belief that men of goodwill throughout all nations are thoughtfully reviewing events of the past with the intention of dedicating themselves to prevent their recurrence, not alone as it may afflict the next generation but for all foreseeable time.

As one goes about, conversation seems spontaneously to focus itself on this all-to-be-desired objective. And I am impressed by what may be described as a soul searching that is taking place to find a solution for the problems in human relationships.

I cannot help feeling and believing that the pace of our living during the past six years has been so rapid and so all-absorbing that it has caused us to neglect the finer things in life. Material things and the urgency of war's demands have so obsessed our thoughts and actions that meditation and reflection have been put aside by the necessity for action.

It seems to me we may now give pause and meditate and reflect upon our future course and, in so doing, reconsider the moral, spiritual and intellectual teachings of our

Craft and how we should rededicate ourselves to applying them to the conduct of our affairs.

It is inconceivable to me that any brother who ponders upon the instruction he has received as to the ethics of Ancient Freemasonry is not a better man, mentally, morally and spiritually—and I might add, physically, because if a man's mental, moral and spiritual life are sound these cannot fail to benefit his physical body. There is no greater truth than that healthy minds make healthy bodies.

This observation, therefore, prompts a question, which is: Is there any brother who would deny that he is not a better man or that he has not striven to be a better man, since he was admitted among us? I believe that subconsciously our brethren order their lives and govern their behaviour towards other men by those principles which we have honourably upheld down through the centuries.

This being true, should we not urgently consider what our course as Freemasons is to be in the new era that is facing the world. We may as well recognize that we stand on the treshold of this new era, and that our conduct in the immediate future will definitely affect the shape of things to come.

If we each re-examine ourselves, and revive our consciousness of what membership in our Order has meant to us, then we shall swiftly recognize the obligation we have to repay the debt—by doing our utmost, each in our own way, to make That Shape of Things to Come of definite benefit to all mankind and to the nation of which we are citizens.

Has not the time come for us to let our philosophy of life and our works become better known, not only in our immediate surroundings, but wherever love of justice, freedom of expression and opposition to tyranny prevail?

Apart from cherished symbols, there are no secrets as to what Ancient Freemasonry stands for. If we all truly believe in the extension of brotherly love, relief and truth, is there any reason why we should not, as the slang phrase puts it, "Tell the World"? Tell the world by our actions. Let the world see and know that we are not banded together for any unworthy purpose, but rather that our benevolence is all-embracing and not confined to assisting brothers and their kindred. To paraphrase the Bible, "Let our light so shine before men that it shall cast its radiance over all, and bring warmth and comfort to those most in need of it."

May I re-emphasize the need for self-examination. Think of what your membership in the Craft means to you personally. It is not enough to take your membership for granted; for even thought without action is futile. Let there be an evangelical resurgence of the soul and spirit of Freemasonry—a crusade, if you will, to re-awaken our conscience and stimulate our resolve to become more active participants in the advancement of Masonic objectives.

While our average attendance is improving, it is not as great as it should be. More honour, therefore, to those who consistently and faithfully heed the call of the Master. May I urge you to seek out absent brethren and fraternally tell them that their absence is deeply felt and that the time is now come when they should return to the fold, not that they are lost or black sheep, but because in unity and numbers there is strength, and we need all the strength that we can gather to put forth our united efforts to make the world of the future a better place to live in.

We must not forget the price paid for our freedom. Many men chose the cross rather than the cushion, and they travelled the hard way of sacrifice and death that the best things in life might be preserved. Let us be worthy of them. On March 4th, 1865, Abraham Lincoln, a tall, gaunt man, spoke from the steps of the Capitol in Washington, and the last few sentences of what he said have become a part of the literature of the ages: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the Right, as God gives us to see the Right, let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the Nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting Peace among ourselves and with all Nations."

To-day is Masonry's great opportunity! It is true there are disorders; the darkness of chaos is about us everywhere, but you will recall that—

> "In the beginning the Earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said: 'Let there be light' and there was light."

So we Masons, living in this twentieth century, must see to it that our great institution stands upon The Rock of Faith in God, the Volume of the Sacred Law, and Charity for all Mankind. Then whatever comes, this House of Masonry will not be moved.

Those of our youth who went across the Atlantic, on approaching the English shore, would see the Eddystone Lighthouse off Plymouth. It is the Gateway to England as the Statue of Liberty is to the United States of America. This Lighhouse has a great history. The first architect, Mr. Wynstanley, confident of the permanence of his structure, chiselled this inscription on the side of it:

> "Blow, O Ye Winds; Rise, O Ocean; Break Forth ye Elements and try my Work."

In less than three years, while repairing it, he and his workmen were all swept away with the Lighthouse, and all perished.

Then a God-fearing Civil Engineer, John Smeaton, laid the foundation on the rocky depths, and at the Dedication he engraved on the side of it:

> "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

This Lighthouse has stood for about 186 years. Storms have raged; winds have blown; tempests have been hurled against it, but it stands unmoved.

Brethren, that is my faith in this great Masonic Order of ours.

Every man is expected to do his Duty.

CONNECTICUT. Grand Master. 1946

Just as in former times, the war has brought us a great flood of applications. From my own observation and the Reports of the District Deputies I am confident that these men have received sincere and good instruction but under the circumstances many have had hurried degrees without sufficient time to digest them. This means that we have a large number of members who have had little chance to learn what Freemasonry really is and means. This is a challenge to each of us. I am not going to attempt to give the answer because I believe this is strictly an individual problem. It must be considered, however, if we are to escape the troubles we had after the previous war.

In 1932, we passed legislation requiring a Lodge to secure approval of the Committee on Welfare before acquiring real estate or embarking upon any building program. This is in the form of a resolution by the Grand Lodge and its validity has been established by several subsequent acts by this body. When the Rules and Regulations were revised, the Committee justly felt that it should not be included. I believe this act should be given the dignity and accessibility of a regulation of this Grand Lodge. I therefore recommend that this legislation be included in our Rules and Regulations.

It has come to my attention that Section 1017 of our Regulations has been overlooked in some cases. This clearly states that "the introduction of spirituous or malt liquors upon the premises of any lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction is hereby strictly prohibited". When affiliated bodies such as Grottoes or Fellowcraft Clubs or any other organization meet in a Masonic Temple, this regulation is effective. If it is violated, those who are party to the offense are subject to punitive action.

Several years ago we adopted a lapel button to recognize 50 years of service. This was a very wise move, and has been of real benefit to the Craft. Relatively few men, however, last long enough to rate one of these decorations and further, have naturally reached an age at which their activities are curtailed. I believe that if there were set up a 25 year award in addition to the one we already have, that it would result in increased interest among a group of men to whom the Lodge has tended to become an old story. I therefore recommend that a Committee be appointed to consider the feasibility of such an award, and to investigate the matter of cost, design, method of financing and any other pertinent factors.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1946

When installed as Grand Master his greatest hope was to impress Masters with the importance of making Masons out of Members. The experience following World War I, when candidates in great numbers crowded our doors only to drop away in a few years when depression times began, was fresh in my mind. I am convinced that a man keeps what he values, discards what is to him of little worth.

I believe that the fault was ours as much, if not more, than theirs. I believe that the remedy lay in our hands. Another has again brought candidates thronging our anterooms. If we are to keep them we must make them Masons, not merely members. Hence my greatest objective was to enthuse Masters with the necessity of educating their candidates in Masonry, seeing to it that they became actual parts, of, not merely dues-paying adjuncts to, their Lodges, learning of Masonry that they might love Masonry and to serve Masonry.

This objective has been realized; not, be it understood, completely, but in sufficient degree to make me believe that had we done nothing else this year, still what we accomplished was well worth while.

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes. 1946

RETURNS TO THE CLERK OF THE PEACE

The Board once more calls attention to the necessity for each Lodge to comply with the Act of 1799 by suppling a list of members to the Clerk of the Peace of the Area in which the Lodge meets. Every year the Secretary of each Lodge is supplied from Freemason's Hall with the necessary form, which must be lodged annually by March 25th, and it is incumbent upon Masters of Lodges to see that the return is made. The Board requests that particular attention be given to this matter, to which reference has been made in its reports on several occasions.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

The President of the Board of General Purposes: M.W. Grand Master, before I move the adoption of this Report, there is one item in it on which some comment might usefully be made; it is the paragraph regarding the Emergency Regulations. If this is approved, as I hope it will be, it will remove all the wartime regulations with the exception of the prohibition of the use of white gloves, and it will rescind the Grand Lodge wartime ruling that only Morning Dress should be worn at Lodge Meetings. The effect will be that Dress at Lodge Meetings will be the responsibility of the Master of the Lodge, subject, of course, to any suggestions made by the Grand Master. This was the normal mode of procedure prior to 1939.

It is for that reason that the Grand Master has been good enough to allow us to append to the Board's Report today his views on the question of Dress at the present time.

Although the war is over, everyone knows that clothing difficulties continue, and it is desired that it should be particularly impressed on the Masters of Lodges that these clothing difficulties should be well considered when specifying to the members of their Lodges what Dress should be worn.

Many young Masons have grown into manhood during the past seven years, and are without evening dress suits or dinner jackets on account of the need of coupons, on account of the scarcity of material, on account of present-day costs and, lastly, on account of laundry difficulties; and it must be borne in mind that if these young Brethren come to Lodge and find a fair proportion of their Brethren in evening dress, they might feel embarrassed and might be discouraged from attending Lodge. That embarrassment should be avoided at all costs (hear, hear), and it is in consideration of the position of these younger Brethren that the Grand Master urges that Masters of Lodges "should make sure that no Brother is put to inconvenience."

M.W. Grand Master, I beg to move that the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes.

V.W. Bro. Edgar J. Rutter: M.W. Grand Master, I beg to second the Motion

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1946

Brethren, throughout the length and breadth of Indiana during the past year I have endeavored to preach the gospel of individual responsibility—to emphasize the indisputable fact that as Freemasons we are accountable to history for the manner in which we discharge our duties as citizens today. With the same theme I relinquish this high trust.

If the tenet of Brotherly Love is to us only a fond dream that ought to be but is not, if it is not a tremendous force which binds us to men of "every country, sect and opinion." then there is little vitality in our Masonry.

Unless the principles of our noble Craft inspire in us a devotion to our country and an awakening of the responsibilities of citizenship, then Masonry has become a weak and impotent force in our lives

Unless we see in Masonry the unquenchable flame of liberty and a desire to carry that flame to the uttermost parts of the earth, then Masonry is little more than a badge of respectability.

Unless the principles of the Fraternity bid us extend a helping hand to the weak, the oppressed and unfortunate, "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations,'' then indeed have we spent our strength for naught.

Every day of your life and every day of mine, we stand in judgment to answer that searching question, ''What come you here to do?'' To you and to me the world may look and see whether there is anything vital in Freemasonry.

Go, then, my Brother, go with me, each to our secret tabernacle, there to pray for ourselves as once before we prayed; to lift up our hearts to the Grand Architect of the Universe that He may endow us with wisdom to judge, that He may gird us with strength unto the battle.

IOWA. Grand Master. 1945-1946

This morning I think it might be fitting to say a word about Masonry in general. Today we are living in a world of confusion when a thousand different tongues speaking different languages are confusing the world as the people were confused as they listened to the many voices at the Tower of Babel. Today as we come into this postwar period, although we are rapidly nearing one year past the date of the final capitulation of Japan, the peace of the world has not been agreed upon. There are no designs upon the trestle board of the postwar world for this generation or for the succeeding generations to come either for peace or for prosperity. Throughout the world workmen are not at work and confusion prevails. Here in America, and throughout the world, the spirit of brotherly love and harmony is absent from deliberations of nations and from the deliberations of social, political, and economic organizations here in America. Never in the history of the world has there been such a need for an understanding on the parts of the peoples of the world and the application by them of those profound, eternal truths which Masonry teaches to mankind.

IRELAND. Deputy Grand Master. 1946

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke, in his address reported that the Grand Lodge of Ireland had renewed relations with the Grand Lodge of Denmark and the Grand Lodge of Norway, two of the continental Grand Lodges that were suppressed by the Germans.

The Grand Lodge of Denmark celebrated its bi-centenary last October, and an address of congratulation was voted by Grand Lodge at its Annual meeting. That address was presented on behalf of the Grand Master at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Denmark by Very Worshipful Brother T. E. Johnston.

They have no news of any other Continental Grand Lodges, but they are still firm in their determination not to help to reinstate any Grand Lodge, or to recognize one that is working unless it works entirely with the ancient landmarks of the Craft, and with the consent of the Government of its country.

MISSISSIPPI. Grand Master. 1946

I am indeed happy that today the Dove of Peace hovers over us, and the rest of the world. It has been demonstrated that free men are mightier than those who have been under the hand of tyranny, and although some may desire to create a totalitarian state and crush out the spark of freedom which lingers in every human breast, they are unable to accomplish such an act while there are people in the world who enjoy the blessings of liberty, as have the people of this land of ours over a long period of time, and as taught by the principle of our great institution. We are proud that Freemasonry has had its part in accomplishing the results that have been attained in the world conflict just ended. We must not forget that we still have a great task ahead of us in establishing a lasting peace. Masonry stands for everything high and holy and it behooves us as Masons to instill in the hearts of men, the great moral principles which are inculcated in it.

MISSOURI. Grand Master. 1946

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that provision be made by the Grand Lodge whereby a school of instruction in Lodge Administration be held annually in each Masonic District of the state under the direction of the Grand Master. These schools of instruction should be entirely separate, and in no way conflict with the schools of instruction in the ritual which are conducted under the direction of the Grand Lecturer. It is suggested that these administration schools be held shortly before January 1st of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible. The elective officers of each Lodge in the district should be asked to attend, and the programme of instruction be so planned by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary as to cover the duties and responsibilities of each of the officers of the Lodge, and the relationships between the functioning of the Lodge and that of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary should prepare mimeographed or printed instructions, and send such instructions and directions to each D.D.G.M. well in advance of the time of the meeting. The agenda should cover items which have been found most important in Lodge administration. The D.D.G.M. who should be in charge of the school, should report in full to the Grand Master as soon as possible after the school has been held, giving all important details.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1946

DUAL AND PLURAL MEMBERSHIPS

In my opinion this Grand Lodge should consider the subject of dual and plural membership at this communication.

At present we do not have a definite law on the subject, and there is considerable doubt that any of our laws touch the subject even by implication. Section 67 provides that Honorary Membership in subordinate lodges is not recognized in this jurisdiction, but that is all there is on the subject. We need definite legislation on the subject.

I quote from a letter dated March 26, 1946. It is written on Frankfurt on Main Masonic Club stationery by a United States Army Officer.

"Masons in good standing in various Masonic jurisdictions of the United States, now serving in Germany in the U. S. occupation forces, military or civilian, have banded together to form the Frankfurt on Maine Masonic Club. This club meets in a former German Masonic temple, seized by the Nazi government, and now taken over by our Army. The building was damaged by bombing and is being rebuilt under our auspices. We have been advised that German Masonic bodies are not recognized by U.S. grand lodges, and no Masonic communication is held with them. Military government does not permit them to meet, in any case.

"Members of this club have petitioned the Grand Lodge of Oregon for dispensation to organize a duly constituted lodge, so that proper Masonic work can be done. U.S. citizens with the occupation forces, upon their request, and being found worthy, may thereby receive the degrees of the Ancient Craft Masonry. Approval has not yet been received from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, but we hope that we will soon receive favorable consideration.

"In the event that we are duly authorized to open a lodge, the question of dual membership will arise. There are many brothers now located here who would affiliate with the new lodge, but would like to retain membership in home lodges located in your and other U.S. jurisdictions. It is respectfully requested that you advise us of the rulings of your grand lodge in this respect, so that we may properly counsel our brethren.

"The problem of many brothers is understandable. Here in Germany because of military necessity, they wish to enjoy the benefits and privileges of the Fraternity, yet do not wish to sever home lodge ties of long standing. Most of them will return to those home lodges in a matter of months, or, at the most, in a few years. It is sincerely hoped that this request will receive your early answer. We should appreciate also receiving a copy of your latest proceedings."

How shall we answer this letter? What is the best thing to do for the good of Masonry? Any action taken by this Grand Lodge at this communication on this subject will probably settle the matter for many years to come.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1945-1946

Brethren, in conclusion, I would give you some food for thought by quoting a part of what I wrote for "The Master Mason" fourth of the educational booklets now given to our candidates, and available to all of our members.

"The story told in Ancient Craft Masonry, as it is now constituted, is an unfinished one—and purposely so.

"Louis Untermeyer in a poem entitled 'Prayer' says:

'From Compromise and things half done
Keep me with stern and stubborn pride,
And when at last the fight is won
God keep me still unsatisfied.'

"That is the true Freemason's Creed—not to be satisfied with the substitutes in life, but to continue his travels in search of more light and that which was lost—The Master's Word, symbol of divine truth.

"It implies that we should ever seek for perfection, which like a will-o'-the-wisp, continually eludes our grasp and it is fated we should never reach perfection on this earth."

I long since realized that the greatest reward for service is in the serving. There is a satisfaction in accomplishment. There is an added satisfaction though in the knowledge that what one does is appreciated by others. The earnest desire of my heart will be satisfied, if, as your humble servant, my administration of the affairs of this Grand Lodge has met your approbation and the approbation of Him of whom we all are the servants.

"I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled a needed post
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk or boast;
That someone'se cheery voice and smile
Will prove that I had been worth while
That I had paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine."

Not only did we as citizens of this country have a vital interest in the outcome of the war, but as Masons the struggle had a peculiar significance for us. The principles of Masonry coincided with the principles we as a nation were defending, but in addition the very existence of this order was at stake. Masonry had been suppressed and even destroyed in nations controlled by our enemies. Our enemies were particularly vehement in their denunciations of Freemasons. Masonic lodges, they said, were a ''Masonic Superstate.'' They charged that ''above states, above the very existence of governments, exists a superstate; the Masonic superstate,'' and ''It dictates laws to its members to whom it sends its orders and dictums. There are those of political and bastard ambitions of all kinds who obey their order to the letter.''

From ''D'' Day on the struggle on the continent grew fiercer and fiercer. At the same time the tempo of the war with Japan was quickened. The full manpower and resources of this country were joined with those of our allies in this gigantic struggle. In the early part of 1945 we were being mobilized for total war—the knockout punch. Congested travel conditions resulting from transfer of troops within this country caused the government to make its most severe wartime regulation—a ban on meetings of fifty or more persons.

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master. 1945-1946

Freemasonry has lived through many years of wars, panics and other catastrophies and it will continue to live on because of the basic and humanitarian needs it so adequately fulfills. Changes? Yes, because the world is constantly changing, but always for the better. God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, and though at times we may have our doubts, what happens is for the best. In retrospect, we must admit that our chastening sorrows have a beneficial influence.

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master. 1946

FREEMASONRY IN NEW MEXICO

The concrete and material view of the Fraternity here in our Grand Jurisdiction tempts one to puff out his chest and anounce: "Thar she is; take a look at her!" Far above the average our petitions continue to come in for nearly all Lodges. Degree teams demanding a bit of rest. Most Lodges more prosperous than for years and bursting with a desire to enlarge their quarters or build new ones. The more critical appraiser, however, is not content to accept a volumetric comparison between the concrete and the abstract, and demands a weighted average. He is concerned, not so much with the number of Candidates who receive the Degrees within a given period, as with how skilled they have become in our art, how much of history, lore, legend and philosophy of the Craft has been imparted to them, and to what extent they practice the teachings and principles we have endeavoured to implant. In this respect, difficult as it is to gauge and measure, my impression is that our accomplishments are found wanting. Any more so than in other Jurisdictions? Perhaps not. But let us not be content to accept a mere average as a goal. We owe our Candidates infinitely more than a receipt and a label! We can develop this splendid art of Speculative Masonry, building our invisible temples, to such a degree of perfection right here in New Mexico that others will seek to follow our example. Let's try it!

Most of us dislike very much to accept the role of critic except where it is clearly evident that we will have opportunity to bestow unlimited praise. I feel constrained to report, however, that too many of our Masters have not reached that state of maturity as Masons and students of Masonry which tends to add so much to natural ability as presiding officers for our Lodges. They are not sufficiently familiar with the ritual to coach their officers in each and every part. Too little time is given to the study of our Grand Lodge By-laws and reading Masonic literature. Too little is known of the numerous courtesies due the Brothers and officers visiting their Lodges. The art of properly receiving, introducing and placing Grand Lodge officers is practically a lost one. Too many Lodges feel they are doing the right thing by placing a Brother in the "line" simply because he has been faithful in attendance upon some minor duty. That, my Brethren is not a blanket indictment covering all of our Lodges. Many of our Masters are just that, in every sense of the word and many others are making honest effort to become such.

Some of our committees appointed to investigate Candidates for the Degrees and for Affiliation continue to be extremely lax. This may be traced in a number of instances to the appointment of Brothers on these tremendously important committees who have never before so served. One Past Master to head each such committee would do much to correct this situation. Here is an extreme case: The Chairman of a committee appointed to investigate an applicant for the Degrees signed the report as submitted, and then asked to be introduced to the Candidate when he came up for his Apprentice Degree!

There has been a tendency here and there during the year to try a few short cuts during the conferring of Degrees. Where the same have come to my attention, the officers of the Lodges have been requested to conform strictly to our ritual.

Complaints continue to be registered, to the effect that other branches of Masonry, whose Candidates must be Master Masons, persist in soliciting applications for their Degrees among those who have not been Master Masons for a sufficient length of time, or who have not passed examination in the Third Degree lecture. The most extreme case cited solicitation among those who had just received their Entered Apprentice Degree! Perhaps I do not view this in the proper light, but thus far my indignation has risen neither to white nor red heat, nor even to boiling point! IF, however, these other branches of Masonry require their applicants to mature for a certain length of time as Master Masons, or attain a certain degree of skill as such, yet disregard these requirements, then our emotions should register compassion and pity rather than scorn or anger. Are they not bidding for inferior material and thus weakening their own structures? In the face of so much criticism, do you not believe—you who are members of those other branches—that the proper and fraternal thing to do would be to quickly place with each of our Subordinate Lodges several copies of a simple statement setting forth the requirements of applicants? With respect to the applicant for these or other Degrees, it is no concern of ours what he chooses to do with his time and his means, nor how he comports himself, up to a certain point. But let every Master Mason residing within this Grand Jurisdiction forever remember that, regardless of his membership in other Masonic or non-Masonic bodies, he is subject to the penal jurisdiction of that Subordinate Lodge within whose boundaries he resides; and further, that Symbolic Masonry, Blue Lodge Masonry, Ancient Craft Masonry, all synonymous and being that root or foundation of Masonry comprising the first three Degrees, is the highest Masonic authority in the State of New Mexico.

NEW YORK. Grand Master. 1945

After all, Masonry cannot be evaluated by arithmetical calculation, nor even by the so-called "differential analyzer" recently set up at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which extracts square roots and solves equations. It embraces the great intangibles. Its ideals rest on the highest levels. No tyrant has been able to destroy them—centuries of war have not effaced them—science cannot obliterate them, for moral principles cannot be demolished. They are the key to the solution of the problems of humanity in any age. When, for instance, mankind shall recognize that international problems are but human problems, to be dealt with according to moral principles, and not on the basis of mere nationality, race or economics, we shall begin to make progress in human relations, as we have in nearly every other field of activity. Then charters of freedom will secure freedom, and atomic energy need not be feared by men.

Masonry's greatest service to the world is the translation of its ideals into human action. Our task is to make

Masonry concrete. It is not an easy process, for character cannot be bought or sold, bequeathed or inherited. It cannot be chiseled, hammered or hewn. It must be built anew into every human being. If the challenge of the great precept of brotherhood could be inscribed in the heart of every Mason, what a powerful force for good we could bring to bear, what new trails could we blaze, what new horizons would we discover. Is not, after all, the heart of Masonry found in the Mason's heart?

The great Masonic test which each one of us faces is: Am I practicing its principles with devotion and sincerity? Dean Pound has said: "Masonry has more to offer to the twentieth century than the twentieth century has to offer to Masonry." Let us prove the truth of this assertion by practicing sincerely the ideals we profess—in our own lives, in our community life, in our national life, and in the life of the world—and particularly the great doctrine of brotherhood, of which the world is in such desperate need today.

OUTSTANDING VISIT WITH PRESIDENT AND M.W. HARRY S. TRUMAN AT THE WHITE HOUSE

On Wednesday, August 29, 1945, the Grand Master, accompanied by the elective Grand Line officers and M.W. Brother Turner, submitted to President Truman at the White House a report of our War Chest activities. It was a delightful visit, in the course of which the President highly commended our Brethren for their splendid efforts. A copy of this report, and the President's response, as part of a special War Chest edition of the Masonic Outlook, is now being sent to each member of the Craft. Undoubtedly, many of you have already received your copy.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO GENERAL MARSHALL AND ADMIRAL KING

Another unusual visit was made by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary on August 21, 1944, when handsomely bound copies of the Holy Bible were presented in Washington, D.C., to General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, and Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet. The gifts were gratefully acknowledged, with exprssions of sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of New York.

OHIO. Grand Master. 1946

ANOTHER ORGANIZATION PREDICATED ON MASONIC AFFILIATION

Having been informed that Bro. Robert Hough Bliss, a member of Norwood Lodge No. 576, was promoting an organization for girls and had prepared a ritual therefor and was limiting membership therein to those who had Masonic affiliation, I wrote Bro. Bliss that the use of the word "Masonic" in this instance was not for a legitimate Masonic purpose and is contrary to the best interests of Masonry and the intention and spirit of Code Section 91, and notes thereunder, and further, for him to withdraw at once the Masonic condition under which membership in his organization could be obtained.

And further, That he was prohibited from using the Masonic condition without first obtaining permission from this Grand Lodge.

The Brother responded that my order would be complied with and at the same time he made formal application to the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Ohio, for permission to carry on his work as originally planned.

It seems to me that this should be denied, for it is time that this Grand Lodge is prohibiting the promiscuous use of the word Masonic in connection with organizations of any kind without its expressed permission, and to prevent its use for anything other than strictly Masonic purposes.

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master. 1946

Being conscious of my duty and of the prerogatives of the office of Grand Master, I submit to you my official acts for your consideration. I assure you that the mistakes that I have made have been from the head and not from my heart.

There was a time when I thought that I could chart and develop what I thought would be my whole future conduct, projecting my thoughts far into the future and through to some distant, ultimate achievement. Added years and experience have taught me, however, that causes which I could not forsee, elements which I could not control and the interests of others which I could not foretell, often changed the course of events materially from that one which I had so confidently charted.

The lessons that I have learned, some of which decidedly deflated my ego, make me hesitate in this assembly, or anywhere for that matter, to attempt any crystal gazing into the future. However, for what they are worth I gladly pass them on to you. I have learned, for example, that individual integrity is the only dependable foundation on which to erect an enduring social order. I have learned that the only permanent values in life cannot be analyzed in test tubes, nor can they be computed with the aid of logarithms. I have learned that the deepest joy of craftsmanship lies in doing and not in the thing accomplished. I have learned that the true end of education is not acquisition of knowledge, but ability to assimilate knowledge and translate it into useful energy. I have learned that a correct reading of the mystery of the power of faith must be sought not in the validity of the thing believed in, but in the capacity to believe in something wholeheartedly.

What I have learned I am sure a great many of you have also learned. So let us look ahead, mingling known facts with prophecy. For the next few years certain signs are already visible. They leave little doubt in my mind that we must promptly deal with them or they will deal with us. As I travel over the grand jurisdiction and as I peruse the correspondence that comes to me, I am continually concerned—not alarmed but concerned—by a tendency, though faint, to place too liberal an interpretation on our Laws and Landmarks. We must be realistic in our thinking of these important considerations and not swayed by our emotions and our sentimentalities. We are charged to preserve the Ancient Landmarks entrusted to our care and never suffer them to be infringed upon, or countenance a deviation from the established customs of the Fraternity. We should ever bear in mind that Freemasonry's activities are restricted by Ancient Landmarks which have existed since time immemorial, never to be altered or disturbed; also by Laws, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Lodge.

Freemasonry, its activities, titles, ceremonies, emblems and symbols are not to be used for political or commercial purposes. It repudiates all solicitation for its degrees, all advertisements, all unseemly publicity. It interferes with no man's religion, and will not concern itself with matters of a political nature. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is the ideal of Freemasonry. The existence of God is its great Landmark, the immortality of the soul is its great doctrine. It is a system of morality and a philosophy of life. Its purpose is to improve the character of the individual Mason and to develop in him good citizenship and to exalt the dignity of man.

Freemasonry does not attempt to solve the specific problems of a nation, a state, or those of a community. It should not assume, nor should is undertake to do, the work that primarily belongs to the church, the home, or the school. It is not a civic organization, nor is it a welfare organization. It should not attempt to duplicate the work being done by organized charities or by government agencies. It should first contribute to the relief of worthy distressed Brother Masons, their widows and orphans. Its charity begins at home.

As individual Masons we have many civic, religious and family duties to perform. It is our duty to exercise our right of franchise and endeavor to elect only the best public officials.

As individual Masons it is our duty to see that our children have proper religious training at home and in the church, and to provide proper surroundings in our homes. It is our duty to teach the old-fashioned virtues of modesty, temperance, industry, honesty and thrift by precept and example. These are proper activities for us as individual Masons.

During the recent world conflict Masonry has been a source of comfort, both physical and spiritual, to millions of those in the armed service at home and abroad, through Masonic Service centres supported by financial contributions from Masons and Masonic bodies all over the country, and manned by Master Masons.

Theory has been put into practice, profession into LIFE. Thousands of young Americans have had their first contacts with the Fraternity through the ministry of these representatives. They have benefited by this service. Now they are returning to their homes all over the land with the conviction that this is Masonry. They are interested in the Fraternity. Many of them want to become members of it.

A new era for Masonry is at hand. By our works shall we be known Let us arouse ourselves and purge ourselves as Masons, of selfish ideals—shake our lodge out of the spirit of indifference and apathy which rules so many of them. Let us go forth to greater service because we have seen the light and heard the cry of the widow's son. Let us measure up to the standards that have been set for us by actively living the precepts we have learned and are teaching.

This must begin in the very lodge itself. Taking the degrees must become more than a formality. Dissension and rivalry must disappear. The good of all, not the ambitions of the few, must be the spirit of the lodge. "I was a stranger and ye took me in," must be shown in practical ways. Each new member must find the brotherly spirit and the outstretched hand if the lodge is to make its real contribution to his life.

Too often lodges have become degree-mills, turning out candidates on the assembly-line principle; or, they have bcome the guardians of an ancient ritual without emphasizing its effect upon the life of the individual. They too seldom ask whether Masonic values are true, and whether Masonry can function as a power for good in the community. Members become indifferent because Masons do nothing with their great professions. The wheels turn, but in too many instances no tangible results are produced.

"What makes me a Mason?" "My obligations." True, but my obligations extend to every member of the Order wherever he may be.

There is a still larger meaning to the obligations of Masonry. Our country, in common with the rest of the world, is facing tremendous human problems. Much is being said of a national and international program of reconversion in which we all must have a hand. We are talking about a world where "nations shall beat their swords into plowshares," and where they shall know war no more.

Masonry can and must be a factor in bringing in this new day for mankind. Its fellowship crosses all boundaries of nations and creeds. Everywhere throughout the world are members of the Craft who will help to bring the spirit of Masonry to the practical solution of our common problems. It can be said, without danger of contradiction, that the only basis of a lasting world peace is to be found in the fundamental philosophy of Masonry.

Here, again, we are brought face to face with a challenge and an opportunity. Foreign Grand Jurisdictions have been persecuted, their temples and records have been destroyed, Grand Masters have been killed. Every effort has been made by the enemy to wipe out every trace of Masonry. It was one of the first institutions to be attacked when dictators rose to power. Its principles and practices were contrary to all that the dictators stood for. Yet in spite of persecution, imprisonment, murder and destruction, many lodges have continued to function underground. Physical violence could not kill the spiritual ideal.

What are we going to do about it? Are we going to make loud professions of the universality and the indestructibility of the spirit of Masonry—and stop there? Or are we going to thank Almighty God that we have been spared like treatment, and do something to help these stricken brethren? In the national program for the help necessary to restore Masonry abroad, we have the privilege and the opportunity to aid and assist a distressed worthy Brother.

OREGON. Grand Master. 1946

The condition of the Craft in Oregon is encouraging. There is a demand for Masonic knowledge. Many of our Lodges have inaugurated groups for the purpose of improving themselves in things Masonic; however, these efforts are not directed and unless we assist in guiding them, it is entirely possible they will die through lack of interest. This subject will be further developed.

Relative to today's surge of candidates, it would only seem proper to warn our Lodges that every unworthy member received is one that will be a drag on the Lodge. It would seem that there are some who believe that one function of Freemasonry is to receive those of indifferent character to make them better. I do not hold to this thought. It seems to me that the governing factor should be—what kind of a man is he today, what is he doing, how is he living, what are his ideals. We must remember that we are not presently acting for ourselves; rather, we are acting for our grand-children and for Freemasonry wherever dispersed throughout the world,

CONFERENCE OF D.D.G.M.'s

In June 1945, a conference of the District Deputies of the Grand Master was held in this building for the purpose of co-ordinating activities which were deemed essential to the well being of Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge Trustees were also invited and attended the conference.

An educational guide for Lodge Officers was presented, which would enable them to start a chronological progressive educational course relative to their respective duties, responsibilities and amount of knowledge necessary to a thorough understanding of the requirements of their respective offices. It was requested that the District Deputies concentrate on the importance of this guide, stressing the fact that it was so constructed that any Lodge, regardless of numbers, could adapt the program to fit its particular needs and customs.

Second, the District Deputies were requested to submit a quarterly report of their activities; what they were endeavoring to do, and what they had accomplished for the benefit of their Districts. This information was requested to keep the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master informed of the work being done.

The assignment as District Deputy of the Grand Master is a responsible one. It should not be lightly undertaken for in this capacity each Deputy appointed is the senior officer and the personal representative of the Grand Master in his District, and as such, his responsibilities are heavy. If the District makes any progress, his is the honor. If the District moves ahead educationally, his is the credit. If the District remains at a standstill, his are the responsibilities.

It is agreed that this work is a labor of love. One does it because he firmly believes in our Fraternity—one serves thusly, not for the timely honor of wearing a gold fringed apron, for after all, the apron simply signifies to the Craft the one whom they may contact for answers to their questions, concerning Masonic ritual, procedure and customs. Rather, one accepts this responsibility for the opportunity of service to his fellow men, and to assist them along the highway of Freemasonry.

This is the reason such office is a yearly appointment. In effect it enables an individual to display his ability as a leader —to be re-used again and again or until such time as it seems advisable to make a change.

Such is the quality of the District Deputies of the Grand Master, such is their responsibiltity. All honor should be paid them for their devotion to duty—for their ofttimes unseen and unsung sacrifices in behalf of the Craft.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Grand Master. 1946

The Master Craftsman still draws his designs upon his trestleboard. He who shapes our destiny, He who ever rules and guides the affairs of men, calls us today to draw designs upon our trestleboards. We may each day draw designs on a physical, but we must realize that we are also drawing them on a spiritual trestleboard. So long as we live we cannot escape making some designs upon it. Some may be worthless, some may be productive of good results. This depends on the manner in which we subdue our passions and endeavour to contribute to the well being of our fellow men. Thus may we do our part in the great scheme of things to make this old world a safer and a cleaner place for the generations yet to come. Let us make no mistake—every design will be there—we are building a spiritual trestleboard. Then, my brethren may the lines be straight and clear, the angles carefully fashioned, the circles properly circumscribed, that when this record of our lives, this spiritual trestleboard, is presented before the Great Architect of the Universe may it gain for each one an entrance into that spiritual building, "that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

QUEENSLAND. Grand Master. 1946

I need not remind you that Masonry does not simply mean meeting in your Lodges once a month to mechanically confer degrees, however perfect the work in the Lodge may be. I want you always to remember that Masonry has a Soul—a great Soul. It stands for perhaps the greatest fellowship and the most true Brotherhood that there can be in this world, and, important as the ritual of work in your Lodge may be, and is, it is the duty of every Mason to play his part in making his Masonry a .religion of kindness and useful effort. There can be no better religion than this, for that is the most perfect religion as taught us by the G.A.O.T.U.

One last word. We are living today in a time of great upheavals—when we shall have to face many difficulties in the future due to the vast changes brought about by this ghastly war. Men will need, and need badly, faith in human nature, and will seek for leadership in a world distracted by the brutality of war—a brutality which has done much to threaten the morality of men. In many quarters, culture is forgotten, class war is preached, thrift is discouraged. All these evils, and many others, are real dangers to the faith of our fathers, and to the building up of a nation for those to come after us on a foundation of religion and of honest purpose. It is not for me to preach a sermon. I, like you, and, I hope, like all Freemasons, want to help in the world. We do not claim that we are necessarily better than others because we are Freemasons. We only claim that we stand, as Brethren, members of a goodly heritage which has come down from a remote past—a heritage which we must treat with that love and veneration which it deserves. We realize that it is our duty to pass on that great heritage to the generations which follow, pure and unsullied, in the hope that when the time comes for each one of us to lay down his work in this world, he will be able to do so cheerfully, strengthened in the knowledge that he has done something to benefit society, and that no one can say he has done anything whereby the great profession to which he has had the honour to belong, has been lowered in the eyes of any of his Brethren or in the opinion of those who have not had the privilege of joining our great Fraternity.

QUEENSLAND. Grand Chaplain, 1946

And now, Brethren, we have reached the time for which so many have prayed and striven, the Day of Peace. The noise of war has ceased and men no longer proceed to battle. All look wistfully to the future and long not only for "Peace on Earth" but also for "Goodwill Among Men." To achieve this happy state we shall need noble leaders and loyal followers. Even as in the years of war so in the years of peace must we be ready to serve in the great cause of ridding the world of all that would mar the ideal of the brotherhood of man. It has been truly said, "Science has made the world a neighbourhood but who will make it a brotherhood?" Surely this is the worthy task to which our members are called! As we render thanks for a mighty deliverance from war may we also stand ready for service in the difficult days of peace.

Mr. W. J. Brown, for many years a Member of the House of Commons, recently said:—

"We will build a new world, but before we can build a better world we must undergo a profound moral revolution, for the good society can exist only where good men are. Whether in the old forms or not, whether through the old institutions or new ones, the old individual moral standards must be restored. The principles of individual responsibility for serving truth, a responsibility not to be evaded by any personal, party or money consideration whatever, must be reasserted. We must learn that whether or not the Lord requires of us to love mercy, to do justice and to walk humbly, our own survival as a civilization most surely does, for we have seen what happens in a world where these standards are subordinated to greed, fear, lust of power, and the rest. We have seen what happens when States become laws unto themselves, and disregard the obligations of the common humanity which they share with the rest of the world. The beginning is the weakening of old standards, the end is the terror that walketh by night, and the shadow that wasteth at noonday. With the right values informing us there is no social problem in Britain that is not capable of an agreed solution, and without those values there is no order of society, no political or economic programme, no party or class which will save us; for the message carried by every bomb, every shell, every ship and every plane in this war is the old message which you can put into whatever vocabulary you like, but whose essential content remains the same, and it is that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

Tonight we have met for this Service of Thanksgiving. We give thanks to Almighty God for a mighty deliverance and we pray that we who have been spared shall be worthy to live and labour towards establishing a better world.

SASKATCHEWAN. Grand Master. 1946

Masonry has long held a high position in the eyes of the world. The principles upon which it is founded do not change with time or conditions. Members of the Fraternity have been persecuted and slain but the Order survived the last war as it has all others. In each of the countries occupied by the enemy, in his initial successes, a ruthless attempt was made to obliterate all evidence of Masonry. The oppressor knew that he could not exist in an atmosphere of tolerance and freedom. Our Brethren suffered physically and materially, yet we know that in many instances they contrived to meet and keep the light of Masonry from being completely extinguished. It will be our privilege and duty to help rebuild what was destroyed and to assist our affected brothers. No doubt we will be called upon in the near future in this respect. I know the response will be generous. We have reached our present desirable position by a strict adherence to our principles. These must be maintained in peace as well as in war, in fact there is probably more temptation to slight them in peace than under the challenge of war.

The year has seen the cessation of hostilities but can we say we have peace? We think of Masonry as a way of life, a life where honest labour is properly rewarded, where industry is inculcated, respect for constituted authority enjoined, where every man is recognized as a brother and entitled to our regard, where perfect charity, though never reached, is the ultimate goal. As citizens we cannot ignore the fact that our industrial and political systems are alarmingly unstable, that the freedom for which the war was fought appears to elude us. Old stories are often applicable to new conditions. I was reminded of this a few days ago when I re-read the legend of St. George and the Dragon. You will recall that when St. George went to battle the dragon—the symbol of evil and terrorism—he prayed that in the battle none of the Dragon's blood should fall upon him. It may be that though we have overcome our enemies, some of their blood may have fallen upon us. But perhaps we are fated never to achieve peace and freedom this side of the grave.

We are reminded by Philip Stern that "the fight for freedom is an endless battle. Its victories are never final, its defeats are never permanent. Each generation must defend its heritage, for each seeming conquest gives rise to new forces that will attempt to substitute fresh means of oppression for the old. There can be no peace in a world of life and growth --every battle the fathers thought finished will have to be fought anew by their children if they wish to preserve and extend their freedom."

Yet if we persevere, fight the good fight and hold fast to our principles, we may take comfort from Byron's lines:

"For Freedom's battle once begun,
Bequeath'd from bleeding sir to son,
Though baffled oft, is ever won."

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED

On motion of M.W. Bros. Douglas Fraser and M. Musk, it was unanimously resolved that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Constitution, "in recognition of eminence, ability and service rendered," there be conferred on the following Brethren the rank and distinction, namely: M.W. Brother Maurice S. Donovan, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and M.W. Brother Arthur G. R. Bond, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Alberta, Honourary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; and R.W. Brother Harry B. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Honorary Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It was a great privilege to have the opportunity of sending out the first Peacetime Christmas Message. Though the world was and still is suffering from the effects of war, the fact that hostilities had ceased and that we could expect the safe return of surviving loved ones, made the Season one never to be forgotten. Together with the Grand Secretary I sent out the following Christmas message:

"CHRISTMAS, 1945"

"Let there be light, Peace on Earth.

"For the first Christmas in many years lights will be burning brightly throughout the world. The great war has ceased so far as the armies are concernd. With our Allies we have won the power to dictate the terms of peace to the people of the enemy nations. The first thing God created was light; the first casualty of the war was light. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Him who said 'I am the Light of the World', and who was called the Prince of Peace.

"Unfortunately for the world, there seems to be two kinds of peace. Apparently as between nations it means the absence of war; but to the individual peace is something within his heart or soul—a feeling that the Light which came to earth the first Christmas Day has entered into his being. Peace imposed or enforced is self-contradictory. A condition where force is required to keep order, where all are punished for the guilt of some, where hate and bitter resentment surge in the hearts of the defeated, can be described only as suppressed war. Of what use is anything but a lasting peace? The kind we will obtain is the concern and responsibility of individuals including ourselves; it is the individual in every nation that has to realize his part in the world as a whole. Longfellow had no idea of the magnitude of the cost of modern war and yet he wrote:

'Were half the wealth,
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of arsenals or forts,
The warrior's name would be a name abhorred?
And every nation that should lift again
Its hand against a brother, on its forehead
Would wear forevermore the curse of Cain.'

"Men must be blind or woefully slow to see. We claim that we want to outlaw war but seem to overlook the obvious, and I am sure the only way—the Christmas way—good will to men, means peace on earth. We have tried every other way, without success. I believe that we are now going in the right direction, and Masonry, which early teaches us to view in every son of Adam a brother, is taking a leading part. This is possible because we recognize no creed, color or sect, the basis of a complete brotherhood. Let us not stress nationalities, boundaries or religions which tend to emphasize differences but look upon all people as belonging to the human family. Edith Cavell on her way to being executed said: 'Patriotism is not enough.' How long it will take humanity to realize that the words 'Our Father' are really true, depends upon us as individuals. Even for our own sakes we should work and pray to hasten the day; let us have good will to all men.

'Down the dark future, through long generations,
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then cease;
And like a bell, with solemn sweet vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of Christ say Peace.'

"With our fraternal greetings and sincere good wishes."

VISITATIONS

On November 22nd M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, visited Lodge Progress No. 92 Saskatoon, for the purpose of assisting in raising Bro. Rev. Donald Bruce Macdonald, his one-time pupil. The Grand Secretary and myself went to Saskatoon to welcome the visiting Grand Master. We also assisted him in conferring the degree and participated in the proceedings at the festive board. It was a grand meeting and we thoroughly enjoyed the visit of M.W. Brother Pilkey.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1946

During the dark days through which we have passed, we have kept the light of Freemasonry bright, and we must continue to do so in the difficult days ahead. As an Institution we must carefully avoid in the future, as we have done in the past, any entanglement either with topics of political or religious nature or with any other sectional interest which might tend to disrupt harmony between Craftsmen of differing races, creeds and opinions. Rather should we concentrate on the promotion of matters calculated to cement the union between good men and true, with especial emphasis upon those things which will assist in furthering the ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

As individuals, however, Freemasons should take an intelligent interest in, and work for the advancement of, those laudable institutions which make up our national way of life. Constant devotion to our Masonic principles will be a stimulus to each of us to do his utmost, in whatever tasks may lie at his hands, to ensure that the victory which has been achieved by blood and suffering shall be followed by a peace which will not be an empty mockery, but which will endure for all time. Only in this way will the beneficent work of the Craft be fostered in the interests of mankind in general.

THE USUAL QUESTIONS

At a recent meeting of the Board of General Purposes, it was reported that some candidates had improperly been required to make themselves proficient in certain only of the responses to the ''usual questions''; that is, on occasions when there were two or more candidates, each had been advised to learn only those questions and answers which would fall to his lot in the normal sequence. It may, perhaps, be regarded as fortunate for the reputations of the candidate and his proposer and seconder that, on such occasions, the Master did not exercise his right to put the questions in a different order from what was anticipated. Such altered procedure might have been salutary, but surely no such artifice shauld be necessary.

The improper practice which the Board has asked me to emphasize, is a serious contravention of the provisions of Constitution 102, and must be discontinued. Masters of lodges are enjoined to ensure that each candidate is instructed to qualify himself thoroughly to answer all the questions if called on; likewise the proposer and seconder of a candidate are to regard it as their particular duty to make themselves responsible for the candidates progress. The duties of a proposer and seconder are manifold. Not only must they assume the grave responsibility, having due regard to the prescribed minimum period of intimate personal knowledge, of vouching in open lodge for the candidate's suitability generally (which implies among other qualifications, a moral character beyond question) but also, when admitted, that he is properly instructed in the means by which he may make the expected daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. Thus only may any candidate become an ornament to our great Craft, and reflect honour on the choice of his sponsors and the remainder of the members who accept him.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1946

M.W. Bro. Ligertwood, in addressing the Grand Lodge, said:

"I desire first to pay a tribute to the dignified and impressive manner in which M.W. Bro. Andrew Young has installed me into the Chair of this Grand Lodge, which he himself has occupied with such conspicuous ability. I also desire to acknowledge the compliment which our Sister Constitutions have paid to this Grand Lodge by sending such splendid delegations to this our festival of installation.

"Brethren, I am deeply conscious of the honour which you have conferred upon me, by electing and installing me as your Grand Master. I am conscious, too, of the obligations and responsibilities which flow from my acceptance of the office. They are indeed all the heavier bcause of the nature of the times through which we are passing. We are frequently reminded that we are living in an era of reconstruction—a reconstruction which has been forced upon us by six dreadful years of war and destruction and sacrifice. The world must be made afresh, and I am firmly convinced that Freemasonry has its part to play in the solution of the problems which lie ahead. Our institution is world-wide. It flourishes in every truly democratic country. It is indeed one of the fine flowers of democracy. We believe in the divine rule of the Great Architect of the Universe, with its corollaries of the life hereafter and the immortality of the soul. We believe in the universal brotherhood of man. We believe in the sanctity of the life of the individual and his inherent right to freedom. We insist upon the utmost respect for the law and upon absolute good faith in dealings between man and man. These, brethren, are some of the fundamental tenets upon which our institution is based. I mention them because you will recognize in them some of the faiths and ideals which sustained our great Empire when it stood alone against the enslaving forces of absolutism. By the same token they are some of the faiths and ideals which must be embodied in plans of reconstruction if those plans are to achieve their aims of a world united and at peace.

"But we are a secret society. We engage in no propaganda. We seek no converts. We avoid all subjects of political controversy. We make no plans. How then are we to exercise our influence upon these world-wide problems? The answer, I think, lies in this. We draw our members from every section of the community. To us the word class has no meaning. Whatever our walk in life, we come together as brothers, meeting on the level and parting on the square, and it is an article of faith with us, that when we leave our lodge rooms, we carry with us the principles and tenets of our Craft and use them as a guide when we are called upon for decisions in our daily lives. And when we find that Freemasons are numbered among the leaders in so many spheres of activity, including the highest councils of State, we may justly infer that our Order and its teachings can have a vital influence upon the course of human affairs.

"Hence the Master of every lodge should heed the direction which he receives on the night of his installation to forcibly impress upon the brethren the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry and to prove by their conduct the beneficial effects of our ancient institution.

"In relation to this aspect of Freemasonry, what is the function of the Grand Master? Surely it is to maintain the high traditions of the Order and to see that not a single landmark is removed. That, brethren, will be my endeavour. I am fortunate in having beside me two Past Grand Masters who, between them, have ruled Freemasonry in this jurisdiction for the past eighteen years. They have assured me of their loyal support and of their readiness to place their own experience at my disposal. Their help will tend to lighten my burden."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1946

SECRECY OF THE BALLOT

The Board is disturbed to learn that, in some lodges, it has been the practice for the Master, immediately prior to the ballot of a candidate for initiation, to invite the Brethren to express their opinions for or against him. This not only serves no good purpose at that late stage, but is also a grave violation of the secrecy of the ballot and, as such, is to be reprobated. The practice leaves an opening for flagrant abuses—striking as it does at the very root of secret voting—and must be discontinued forthwith.

OBJECTIONS ON THE GROUND OF CHARACTER AGAINST CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR INITIATION

The attention of the Board of General Purposes has been drawn to the somewhat loose practice that has become apparent among some Lodges in raising objection to the initiation of a candidate, and the Grand Registrar has been asked to outline the proper procedure to be followed. His report, which has been adopted by the Board, is as follows:—

"In some cases, a Brother may have actual knowledge of the facts concerning the character or conduct of the proposed candidate which he is able without difficulty to substantiate, and which he thinks afford grounds for objecting to the proposition; in other cases, a Brother may have heard statements concerning the character or conduct of the proposed candidate from someone else, which without difficulty he can verify; and in still other cases, the Brother may have heard some rumour or gossip, the source of which he cannot recall, or which in any event he would be unable to verify or disprove.

"It is desirable, in every such instance, a Brother genuinely believes that the information he has may be relevant to the admission or rejection of the proposed candidate, that it should be conveyed to the Master of the Lodge in order to enable all proper investigations to be made. If the Brother in possession of the information is able to do so, he ought to investigate as far as possible any information or rumour he has heard, so that he may escape being the channel of merely malicious or idle gossip of a scandalous nature. To raise objection to a man's character is a serous act. But if he is unable for any reason himself to investigate it, and has a reasonable belief that it may have some foundation in fact, he should nevertheless communicate it to the Master of the Lodge for which the candidate is to be proposed.

"Some Lodges have adopted the practice of inviting Brethren to communicate any information they may have to the Master or to any member of the Permanent Committee of the Lodge. This practice, I think, is undesirable. In my opinion, every such communication should be made to the Master of the Lodge and to him only; and it should be made in a personal interview with him appointed for the purpose. Any other course tends to lessen the sense of responsibility of the Brother making the communication, and of the Brother receiving it. Such information communicated to anyone of several Brethren or communicated on a social occasion, is apt to be given and received without a due sense of responsibility by either party, and it is in this way that Brethren are likely to become involved in legal proceedings for defamation. If the course that I suggest is invariably followed, no risk of any sort attaches to anyone.

"The duty of the Worshipful Master, who has received information from a Brother which is detrimental to the proposed candidate is to investigate the information for the purpose of establishing as far as possible its truth or falsehood. He should at a formal meeting of the Permanent Committee, convey the information to them and their united efforts should be devoted to sifting the truth and to ascertaining whether they regard the information as sufficiently reliable, or, of sufficient seriousness to warrant the exclusion of the candidate.

"If after investigation the proposed candidate is considered unsuitable for admission into the Lodge, it is the duty of the Master to communicate that fact to the proposer and the seconder of the candidate. This also, of course, should be done at an interview arranged for that purpose.

"The proposer and seconder should accept the intimation from the Master, and intimate to their nominee that he will not be welcome in the Lodge. There is no need to inform the proposed candidate of the information concerning his character, and in most cases it is unwise to do so. If the objections are based on facts, his own conscience will sufficiently enlighten him; if the objections, even though not substantiated, raise such doubts in the minds of the Master and Permanent Committee that they prefer that the proposed candidate should not be admitted to their Lodge, no good purpose will be served by enlightening him further.

"If for any reason the proposer and seconder of the candidate decline to accept the intimation received from the Master, and insist on their proposition being dealt with by the Lodge, the Master has two courses open to him. He may, on his own responsibility, decline to receive the nomination or to submit it to the Lodge. This is one of the inherent powers of a Master, and one that should be exercised without fear, and of course in the utmost good faith, when he considers that it would be wrong to admit the proposed candidate to Freemasonry. The other course is to receive and submit the proposition, in which case it is probable that the Master and all Members of the Permanent Committee will vote against it.

"Neither of these courses should ordinarily be necessary. If the Master and Permanent Committee after investigation consider that the character of a candidate justifies his exclusion from the Craft, and the Master communicates that fact to the proposer and seconder, they should accept it and not contumaciously proceed with their proposal."

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1946

It is fitting that we shoud give expression to the gratitude that is in our hearts for the victory that has been achiev- over our enemies on the fields of battle. The victory was made possible because of the material strength, moral greatness and co-operation of the freedom loving peoples throughout the world. To the victors in this case go the responsibility of shaping the destiny of the world for the next generation or longer. We accept the responsibilities of peace with the many difficulties involved in humility and yet with a courage, determined to lay the foundation of peace, secure that we and our posterity may continue to build a peace that will make possible the realization of our Masonic ideal, the world brotherhood of all mankind.

TENNESSE. Grand Master. 1947

You will recall that in the third degree we were taught that, "the beehive is an emblem of industry and recommends the practice of that virtue to all created beings." It might be truly said that industry has been your objective in the fraternity for the year just closed. We have today the largest membership in the history of our Grand Lodge. You have just finished a year that gave us the largest net gain in membership in the history of the Grand Lodge in our State. This at first glance might cause us to ponder and wonder whether or not we had at all times given strict attention to the sound fundamental requirements of the fraternity of those who would become members. My brethren, I have made approximately one hundred visitations during the year, in addition to our district meetings, conferring degrees at some, endeavoring to say something constructive for the fraternity at others, installing officers at others; and during the course of these visitations, I have inspected many lodge records and in each case I have found rejections. In most cases, rejections have been in proportion to those accepted on practically the same ratio as has been the custom in former years. Therefore it seems that we may still safely say that we are "guarding well the portals of the fraternity," constantly bearing in mind that "the respectability and usefulness of a lodge does not consist in the number, but in the character of its members."

In these days of unrest, turmoil and suspicion throughout the world, doctrines, creeds and "isms" of every sort imaginable are springing forth and all are being advanced with the argument that they are the progressive forms of Government; social, political, and economical, for which mankind has been waiting, and their adoption is urged to replace the things we now know and love, but which these new crusaders claim are obsolete in the new order they would create. This is especially true today in our own beloved country, because of the freedom of speech which our Government gives to all men. Some of these poisonous barbs of propaganda therefore are finding their way into the hearts and minds of our citizens today. These insidious attacks must be met and challenged by all who are governed by the principles of Freemasonry.

UTAH. Grand Master. 1946

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

It has been my good fortune to visit, officially, each of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction. While there was some difficulty in obtaining transportation and other accommodations, the attendance was good at all meetings and the accommodations were of the very best.

Continuing the practice of the past several years, the visitations were made jointly wherever it seemed feasible and the plan seemed to be very satisfactory to all. On most of the visitations we were honored by the presence of several Past Grand Masters which was an inspiration to all of us and very much appreciated.

At most of the visitations the Lodge Officers were asked to furnish speakers. This also proved very satisfactory as they all gave interesting and instructive talks. We had only a few Grand Lodge speakers as it has been my impression that the Brethren enjoyed short sessions with more time to mingle and visit with each other. On all occasions we tried to get through by ten o'clock to permit the Brethren to get home in good time.

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1946

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REHABILITATION

One of the first targets for the careful aim of modern dictators has been the fraternity of which we have the honor to be a part. Masons have consistently suffered in subjugated countries for the very principles for which we stand. That is prima facie evidence of the value of this very institution wherever the people desire liberty and convincing proof of its importance to all the people of the world with whom we would join to bring a modicum of safety to our planet. If this should be accepted as a premise one may pass by means of incontrovertible logic to the conclusion that even enlightened self interest would prompt us to participate in the rehabilitation of Masonry in the countries which have been devastated by the recent war. Within the limits of this address, it would be difficult to suggest the havoc which has been wrought. Records have been destroyed, sacred articles have been desecrated, temples have been ruined, and our devoted brother leaders of the craft have in many cases been persecuted and slain. What answer could be made to their cry of distress? What true Mason could be deaf to such an appeal?

We have endured the limitations and interruptions of our work, we have suffered the sacrifices and tragedies of the last few years. We have preserved for posterity a noble record of service. We have still in our keeping a glorious heritage and a magnificent tradition. We have at length emerged from a tremendous struggle to a period which we casually call peace time. We must face the future. It is obvious that the values for which the war was fought must still be achieved in peace.

Masonry can and will take its place in a constructive effort for a better world in the post-war years. Those who are familiar with the history of our Fraternity need no proof of the vital part which it has played in the direction which our own country has taken, in the promulgation of the very principles of freedom and brotherhood so essential in a democracy. It is my reasoned opinion that we cannot be content to stand upon our record alone. What was good in the past is not good enough for the present. We must, to be sure, preserve every value of our time-honored past and streamline it to function as effectively in our present and future. We need not fear change so much as the fear of change. My love of the Institution which I have had the honor to serve for this precious period, prompts me to be zealous of the position which it will take tomorrow. May we never creep while the world rushes by. It is my fond hope that we may so order the affairs of the Craft that we may build as effectively as did our forebears and meet every demand of a modern world. And when at last we are called by the Grand Architect of the Universe, may we be "weary and content and undishonored."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1946

SOLOS AT INSTALLATION CEREMONIALS

There are two or three matters I want to draw attention to. One is the custom which has grown up at Installations of breaking the ceremony of installation in order that a solo may be rendered. Sometimes the solo is moderately appropriate; sometimes it is not appropriate at all; but in any case the ritual laid down in the ceremony is to be observed at installations. I do not think it adds to the dignity of the Installation Cermony to break it by a solo. It is more or less a ritualistic ceremony, and I have decided for the future, solos during the Installation Ceremony shall be omitted.

TOAST OF NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE

The next question I want to raise is the toast of the Navy, Army and Air Force. In the olden days before the war became so much a matter for our attention, it was customary to propose the toast of the Navy, Army and Air Force; first the Navy and Army because there was no Air Force at the time. At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge I think we might revert to that practice with a good deal of reverence and outlook. There is no need for it to be proposed at every lodge meeting. I have decided it shall not be proposed except at the Military and Naval Lodges and the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Even in those places I do urge we have something less jingoistic to sing than "Rule Britannia."

INITIATION OF UNDER-AGE CANDIDATES

The third matter is the granting of dispensations for the initiation of under-age candidates. During the war we have had many cases of young men, sons of Freemasons, detailed to go abroad on active service. They have not been 21 years of age, but have been over 18 years, and as they were usually the sons of Freemasons, and it is permissible to initiate sons of Freemasons under the age of 21, dispensations were granted for the special purpose. The Grand Lodge here and in other places, has set its face against the initiation of any person under the age of 21, except under the most extraordinary circumstances. There were extraordinary circumstances during the six years just past. We hope they have disappeared for the whole of our life, and so we will revert to the old practice which is the sound practice of requiring every person seeking to come into Freemasonry to be over 21 years of age.

WEARING OF EVENING DRESS

Another question is that of Evening Dress. The regulations regarding evening dress were eased during the war for two reasons; one, the black-out made it rather indiscreet for anyone to wear evening dress; second, the lodges met at inconvenient times, and lastly, it was not considered to be quite in keeping with the spirit of the times that brethren should go to Lodge as a rule in evening or ceremonial dress. Those times, too, have passed, but there are other difficulties still in the way. There is still the difficulty of sufficient transport, although we hope it will be eased early in the new year. There is still the difficulty of those brethren who do not possess evening dress, and of procuring it for the next year or so. There is the added difficulty of all those brethren who have been away at the war and who did possess evening dress finding that they no longer possess it. These difficulties are still in the way. I am not going to say that for the future brethren shall appear in regulation evening dress (either tails or dinner jacket) but I do hope those brethren whose evening dress still fits them, and who can make it convenient, will support us to restore as quickly as possible the position we were in before the war started. After all, we must recognize the fact that Masonic meetings where brethren are properly clothed somehow or other adds more dignity than if in ordinary lounge suits. So I hope as far as possible brethren will revert to evening dress.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

The next subject I want to touch upon is in regard to quite a number of visitors going to the various lodges. Most of you have noticed when visitors come to our lodges, sometimes from other towns in the State, sometimes from other parts of the Commonwealth, and even from overseas, they are not known to the brethren, and there is not that warmth of greeting to them in many cases that one would like to see amongst a body of Freemasons. I hope that members of individual lodges will keep an eye out for strangers who come within their gates who are fully accredited Freemasons, and do their best to make them happy and comfortable whilst within and out of lodge, and make them feel that Freemasonry after all has something in it that is not to be found in ordinary everyday life.

STARTING PRICE BOOKMAKERS

The last question is a subject in which, from what I know of Australian life, quite a number of people are deeply interested, and that is in Starting Price Bookmaking. We have brethren in the Craft who, after being admitted to the Institution, have become S.P. Bookmakers. We cannot avoid that. We cannot tell them what to do. We have the power in every lodge to take care that S.P. Bookmakers who are acknowledged S.P. Bookmakers, and who in many cases have appeared before the Courts and been fined, shall not find a place in a Masonic Lodge. They are transgressing against the law. I am not speaking of anyone in particular, but in general terms on the unwisdom of receiving into Freemasonry those who with overwhelming regularity consistently break the letter of the law. I have got all I wanted to say off my chest.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1946

From many sources come the information that Masonry in the State is strong because its leadership from time immemorial has taken a conservative attitude on proposals to streamline our fundamental structure. From time to time proposals are made by some enthusiastic brother or brethren to deviate from the ancient usages, customs and landmarks, but the Craft have always seen the danger lurking ahead which such changes would bring, and have uniformly refused to follow the over-zealous brother, however serious his intentions may be.

Several Grand Jurisdictions have not been so prudent and, as a result, Masonry has been weakened considerably.

It was soon discovered by them that the removal or modification of one of the fundamental customs, usages or landmarks sets a precedent which makes it comparatively easy to remove or modify another, until the time comes when all the fine and strong foundations are so changed that they and the institution become unrecognizable. The superstructure then becomes weak or an empty shell and eventually tends to disintegrate.

Every serious minded Mason joined his lodge because he had a favorable conception of the fraternity, and that conception was formed partly, if not wholly, by reason of the stability and the substantiality of the structure, because, it was erected upon the foundation that was unshakable; man for ages has adhered to it with confidence and security because it remained unchangeable.

New "isms," strange ideologies and violent changes have been introduced into many forms of our society from time to time, and particularly at this period of history, which have caused chaos, confusion and fear, a constant malestrom which engulfs all who come within its reach, which causes consternation among members and makes them feel insecure; without hope for the future and without an anchor upon which they can rely for security.

Masonry, on the other hand, has remained firm and steadfast. It has not adopted the whims which have been presented by well-meaning but short sighted folk, even though it would seem at the time expedient or may even appear to be for the good of the Craft. May we, in this Grand Jurisdiction, refrain from accepting hurriedly and without proper circumspection that which may appear to be expedient or an easy way to reach our goal. Let us not take any step which at a later period we may regret.

The brethren in some jurisdictions have deviated from the course which Wisconsin has always taken, and have suffered accordingly an irreparable loss. The changes, though made with the best of intentions, have taken away much of the strength that formerly characterized the fraternity in those jurisdictions. Let us not be in too much of a hurry to streamline our organization. Let us not compromize with the theory urgently advanced to supposedly modernize it and thus take away that soundness and that strength that have made it what it is today, a body of sincere men who are proud of membership therein. Where it has adhered to the ancient customs, usages and landmarks, even today in this great clamour for changes and new ideas, men are attracted to it because of those attributes which have been so instrumental in making it an ancient and honourable institution. The abolition or modification of one ancient custom sets a precedent which makes it easy to modify or abolish another, and if this practice is persisted in, in due time all of them will follow and the Order will become nothing but a social organization.

Men are seeking admission and enter its portals in ever increasing numbers, which indicates that Masonry with its present foundations has an appeal to serious-thinking men. May we, therefore, be cautious in our zeal to follow other institutions who are attempting to adopt passing and temporary whims which have been untried or have not proven their operation to be successful.

DECISIONS

CALIFORNIA. Ritual Committee. 1946

The Grand Secretary received a resolution from one of the lodges with regard to the placing of the ballot box on the V.S.L., during balloting. This has caused open criticism of the custom on the part of many members of the Masonic fraternity. This lodge states that this custom is inconsistent with the principles and teachings of Masonry in that it detracts from the supreme position in Masonry in which the V.S.L., should be held, and requests that this question may be brought before Grand Lodge at its next regular communication in order that the necessary action be taken to instruct, or order or permit, subordinate lodges to place the ballot box during balloting in a position on the altar beside the V.S.L., and not resting upon it.

This resolution was referred to the Ritual Committee who did not approve of the suggested change, and had this to say:

The Holy Bible is sacred not because it is an assemblage of paper, cardboard and leather, but because of the divinely inspired thoughts that are recorded in it. It is the human thoughts associated with the book and arising from its words not the physical aspects of the book itself that entitles it to a position upon our altar.

No one has ever suggested the removal of the Square and Compass from the book on our altar because of the symbolism of those working tools to one skilled in our craft.

The hand upon the Bible during the obligation is proper because of the human ideas associated with the act.

The ballot box is not pieces of fashioned wood, balls and cubes but is the guardian keys to the doors of the temple. The full appreciation of its proper symbolism to the craft and an understanding that it is thus placed upon our Bible as a reminder to each voting member of his duties and responsiblities to our order to see that none but good men and true enter our doors, thus preserving the integrity of our institution, will remove from the mind of the Mason any suggestion of sacrilege in its placement.

We, therefore, recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

IDAHO. Grand Master. 1946

—8-20-46. To Rupert No. 65 to confer the Third degree of Freemasonry in an open Lodge, on or near Mt. Harrison, near Albion, Idaho, on August 30, 1946, with the work beginning at or near the hour of 3 o'clock P.M., provided the place where said work is to be done be such, and precautions taken, to prevent the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, adequate to preserve and keep inviolate the secrecy of the work.

IOWA. Grand Master. 1946

On June 14th, 1945, the Secretary of Sunset Lodge No. 604, wrote that a brother took his First Degree in their lodge on February 14th, becoming ill soon afterwards. Doctors reported that he cannot live more than three months and the Secretary states that the candidate is anxious to receive the remaining degrees but is bedfast and cannot come to the lodge hall. He asks: ''How to proceed?'' Can the degrees be given at home, or could he be made an honorary member?''

I replied, ''This is a case where I wish I could help you out some way, but it seems that the Grand Master is without authority to do so. Under the Law (Sec. 207), I could grant permission to hold lodge in other places than your lodge hall, but conferring degrees would have to be in full form. As the brother is bedfast, it would impossible to confer upon him the degrees in proper form. We cannot, in any way, confer honorary degrees or memberships.

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1946

Ellettsville Lodge No. 245 asked whether an Eastern Star flag could be displayed in the Lodge room during a meeting of the Lodge. I ruled that it must not be so displayed. Sec. 75

Harmony Lodge No. 11 asked whether a letter of objection to an elected candidate, received before the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred, should be recorded in the minutes of the Lodge. My answer was no. Such an objection, whether oral or written, is secret the same as the ballot. Sec. 106.

Gary Lodge No. 677 called attention to the fact that two or more Lodges often join in a meeting for degree work, each Lodge providing candidates and the officers of each occupying the stations, and asked whether, in such event, each Lodge should record the minutes of the meeting as its own minutes. I replied that when only one Lodge is opened, only one Lodge should record the minutes of the meeting. The other Lodge should be guest of the Lodge which is opened.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1946

March 6, 1945, Ida 324. Question: Can an applicant with one of his feet in such shape that he has to wear a steel brace, receive the degrees?

I ruled that if the applicant met all other physical qualifications, that he was eligible to receive the degrees in Masonry.

August 13, 1945, W. H. Booth 380. Question: We received a petition of a profane for initiation. The committee was appointed and reported favorable. The ballot was spread resulting in election. When presenting himself for the degrees, we found that the first joint on his right thumb was missing.

I ruled that if he met all other physical qualifications and could qualify under resolution No. 3, page 125, of the 1944 Grand Lodge Proceedings that he was eligible to receive the degrees.

August 6, 1945, Fellowship 217. Question: We have a petition where the applicant had been rejected. Six months thereafter we took a new ballot on the old application.

I ruled that the second ballot was null and void and of no effect because a rejected petitioner must re-petition at the expiration of 6 months.

September 6, 1945, Marthaville 258. Question: We received the petition of a profane who served a sentence on a parish road gang 20 years ago for bootlegging and who is now living a clean and upright moral life.

I ruled that the petition from an applicant who had served a parish sentence for bootlegging 20 years ago was not barred from petitioning for the degrees of Masonry, however such a petition would warrant a thorough investigation by the lodge.

September 20, 1945, Hiram 70. Question: We have a petition from a profane who is using his stepfather's name and not his legal name.

I ruled that the petitioner should sign his application using his legal name rather than his stepfather's name since he had never legally had his name changed to that of his stepfather.

A dispensation was denied to Lake Charles 165 to elect and install officers at a special meeting; the nature of the request being that there would be a ball game in Lake Charles which would cut down their attendance

MAINE. Grand Master. 1945

One question deserves brief mention. More than once a report has come to me that some lodges charge their newly raised Master Masons dues. A lodge asked for an interpretation of the statement on this question as it appears in the Text Book.

In 1874, the Jurisprudence Committtée, of which our world renowned brother and masonic scholar, Josiah Hayden Drummond was chairman, reported as follows: ''When dues are a fixed sum per year payable on a given day each year—that—in such cases the whole sum or none is payable; and no member can properly be charged with dues for part of year.'' This report was approved by Grand Lodge. From this report it is clear that no lodge can properly charge a member dues for a shorter period than an entire year and that in no case should less than the full amount of the year's dues be charged.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1945-1946

The secretary of a subordinate lodge stated that a man who was employed as cashier in a recreation parlor where beer was sold desired to petition for the degrees of Masonry, and he asked for an opinion as to whether or not the man was eligible for the degrees of Masonry.

I replied, ''My opinion is that the man is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry.''

Another secretary of a subordinate lodge stated that a man whose employment required that he serve beer to patrons expected to petition the lodge for the degrees of Masonry, and he asked for an opinion as to whether or not the man was eligible for the degrees of Masonry. I answered that the man was disqualified for the degrees of Masonry by reason of his employment.

One secretary requested a form for a certificate of life membership to his lodge, to which request I made the following answer: ''Life memberships are prohibited in this jurisdiction. Section 67A provides, 'Hereafter life memberships shall not be issued by a subordinate lodge.' ''

A brother stated that subordinate lodge planned to invite a team from a foreign jurisdiction to confer the Master

Mason's degree according to the ritual of the foreign jurisdiction which differed from our own. He asked for my opinion as to whether or not, under those circumstances, the team should be permitted to confer the Master Mason's degree.

I replied: "Our law as set forth in Section 131-A provides, 'Nothing outside of our esoteric work as authorized and our monitorial work as published by this Grand Lodge shall be given or be permitted to be given in the conferring of degrees, at funerals, or in any work of the lodge.' consequently, nothing but the Nebraska work should be permitted in the subordinate lodges."

A brother of Lotus Lodge No. 289 inquired whether or not lodge funds may be used for the United War Fund Drive.

I answered: "The position of our Grand Lodge in times past has been that the lodge funds should not be used for anything excepting strictly Masonic purposes. It is my opinion that your lodge funds should not be used for the United War Fund Drive." In this connection I added, "It is my idea that the individual who contributes to such a worthy cause is much better for having made the contribution direct.

A brother of York Lodge No. 56 inquired whether or not it is out of order for Masons to furnish money to organize a Service Club where beer will be sold, and whether or not it is out of order for Masons to belong to a Service Club where beer is sold.

I answered: "My opinion is that under our Masonic law as construed by former Grand Masters and as construed by our Grand Lodge, the answer is 'Yes, it is out of order.' "

A brother wrote that his daughter wishes to wear his Masonic pin and he asked permission for his daughter to wear his Masonic pin. I stated that our Grand Lodge Law is silent on the subject, but that Section 28-1220 of Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, provides that a daughter may wear the Masonic pin of her father, if the father is a member in good standing.

A secretary wrote that his lodge duly elected a petitioner, who is a captain in the army, but before the petitioner could receive the degrees he went overseas; that while in Savene, France, United States Army officers who were Masons got together and conferred the degrees upon him and they certified that they had conferred the degrees of Masonry upon the petitioner. The secretary stated that all the fees had been paid and asked for an opinion as to whether the certificate of the army officers to the effect that they had conferred the degrees could be recognized by the lodge and whether he should issue a receipt for dues inasmuch as the captain had paid them. I held that the degrees were not conferred by a recognized lodge and that he could not recognize this method of conferring the degrees, and that he should not issue a receipt for dues, and that when the captain returns. the degrees should be conferred in the regular way.

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master. 1946

Query: A Petitioner for the Degrees has had his cords clipped. Our doctor here advises he is not a eunuch. Please advise.

Decision: Your doctor is correct.

Comment: Before rendering the above decision the matter was discussed with an eminent medical authority. Also, see quotation from decisions of the Grand Master of West Virginia, page 294 of our 1945 Annual Proceedings: A petition for initiation may be entertained from a person otherwise eligible, who has been sterilized by the surgical operation known as vasectomy.''

OHIO. Grand Master. 1946

COMMERCIAL TRADE MARKS UPON APRONS, AND OTHER NON-MASONIC PRACTICES IN LODGE MEETINGS

I have been asked during the year is a group of Masons employed at an industry and who had organized a Fellowcraft Club could not put their company's trade mark on the Apron in order to identify the particular club. In substance this is commercial advertising within the Lodge rooms. Some Brethren in posting the colors do not wear aprons. Other groups insist on wearing a head covering in attendance at Lodge and during the conferring of the degrees.

It is desirable that Brethren of a particular industry be permitted to confer a degree upon one of their co-workers. It is not desirable nor necessary that such groups be identified by particular markings upon the equipment. An announcement by the Master would accomplish the same result.

On July 1, 1946, I issued a ruling forbidding these practices. This ruling was made without reference to any particular organization.

Members of various groups or organizations are, on occasion, present at Lodge meetings for some particular purpose, and resort to practices that do not conform to Masonic custom and usage. This is true with reference to the posting of colors and wearing of regalia peculiar to certain organizations in attendance at Lodge or during the conferring of the degrees. Lodges will therefore observe the following:

The ruling is now submitted for your approval:

RULING

Attendance at Lodge meetings, whether in the Lodge or ante-rooms, always requires the wearing of an apron and with the head uncovered except the Worshipful Master.

The white apron is the badge of a Mason and is to bear no markings or name of organization or other designation unless they are emblems of insignia of symbolic Masonry.

In the conferring of the degrees, the uniform and head covering must conform to that of Lodges using robes and must not be distinctive of any group or organization.

RULINGS ON SECTION 58

Question: May we accept the petition and confer degrees on a person who helps in the bar of a private club, during rush periods, where liquor is sold, even though he is not paid for his services?

Answer: The Lodge may not confer the degrees upon a person so engaged even though he is not paid for his services.

Question: May we accept the petition and confer the degrees upon a person who is the manager of a private club where liquor is sold?

Answer: No.

Question: Should charges be preferred against Brethren of our Lodge who are managers of private clubs where intoxicants are sold but who do not work behind the bars?

Answer: As managers of private clubs they are responsible for and do supervise the bars. Hence they are ''Engaged in the selling of intoxicating liquors, to be drunk upon the premises where sold.'' The Lodge should proceed in accordance with Section 58 of the Code.

Question: May we accept the petition and confer the degrees upon a person who owns one per cent of the stock in a recreation corporation, which has a bar where intoxicating liquors are sold? This person is the public relations man and bowling alley manager and does not work at the bar.

Answer: You may accept the petition.

SECTION 58 OF THE CODE

During the past year there have been brought to the attention of the Grand Master some instances of alleged violation of Section 58 of the Code, which is as follows:

''To engage in the selling of intoxicating liquors, to be drunk upon the premises where sold, shall subject a Brother so offending to charges and expulsion; it shall also be a disqualification for initiation or affiliation in any Masonic Lodge.''

In each such instance a Lodge having jurisdiction was instructed to investigate the complaint, and if the circumstances proved to be such as to call for action to take action required by the Code.

Section 58 of the Code has been Masonic Law for more than sixty years and it undoubtedly was enacted for the purpose of emphasizing and making effective, under the conditions then prevailing, certain provisions in the Ancient Charges.

RHODE ISLAND. Grand Master. 1945

Early in August, 1944, our attention was called to the fact that some Lodges were initiating more than five Entered Apprentices in a day, by the device of holding more than one Communication on the same day. Our opinion was asked as to whether or not this was in accordance with correct Masonic Proceedure and whether or not it was a circumvention of Section 20 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

My information was that a Lodge had opened a Communication at 8:00 p.m., and after working five Entered Apprentices closed and immediately opened and initiated more candidates in the same degree. Another Lodge had worked in the afternoon and again in the evening, under permission of a previous Grand Master.

My investigation in the latter case, as explained to me by my predecessor, was that the Secretary of that Lodge had appealed to him for help, inasmuch as the Lodges had so many candidates that they could not get dates enough in the Temple if they were obliged to hold to only five Entered Apprentices in one day and that he, the Grand Master, had given temporary permission to hold two Communications. This would indicate the same understanding by this Secretary as that held by your Grand Master.

I find that the decision given below, which was made as of August 10, 1944, was in line with the rules of practically all Grand Lodges in the country and that while one or two might have issued dispensations to set it aside for a time, it is almost without exception the fundamental law of Masonry.

Decision: I have ruled that Section 20 of the Constitution is intended to mean that not more than five Entered Apprentices shall be initiated by any Lodge within a twenty-four hour period.

It is therefore ordered that this interpretation shall be observed, effective as of this date in all future initiations.

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SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1946

Question: Would it be proper for us to change our fee from $30.00 to $35.00 and also our By-laws to provide that the $5.00 increase in fees will go to the Coach for coaching the candidate.

Answer: The Lodge may set its fees where it wills in keeping with the Constitutional provision. It certainly could pay the coach if it wanted to and he were willing to accept pay for such services, as our Grand Lodge has always allowed the subordinate Lodges much liberty in what they do with their money. However, it has always been the glory of Masonry that any Mason was ready at all times, consistent with reason, to coach another Brother without fee or reward.

Facts: A Mr.........applied for the degrees and was duly balloted on and elected to receive the Entered Apprentice degree. While he was being prepared it was discovered that he had a metal tube in his throat which he had worn for about eight years, the necessity for the tube having been caused by an accident and was necessary in order for him to breath freely. The Master ordered him held up and the case referred to the Grand Master. It was stated that the taking of the Master Mason degree should be considered in his case. I ruled as follows:

In the first place I take the position that the Grand Master has no authority to rule on physical qualifications. This, in my opinion, is a matter for the Master and the brethren of the Lodge. However, I offer you the following opinion and advice:

Art; 111, and Sec; 100, the only law as to physical qualifications in our Constitution and Code, permits physical imperfections if they are not of such a nature as to interfere with the learning and practicing of the principles of Masonry, and such as to make it impossible for the candidate to comply literally with the requirements for the initiation ceremonies. This Candidate, if my understanding is correct, might have difficulty complying with the ceremony of the Master Mason degree as it is conferred in some Lodges, but could very probably comply safely and with ease in other Lodges where the degree is conferred in quite a different manner. Certainly his condition is not of such a nature as would prevent him (mentally) learning and (physically) practicing the principles of Masonry. Then the only question it seems to me is whether he is physically in a condition to stand the treatment accorded Candidates in the Third degree. In my opinion he is, if the degree is conferred in the manner in which it should be.

WASHINGTON. Grand Master. 1946

December 5, 1945—I ruled that a member of the Secret Service who, by reason of his occupation does not have a settled abode, is not eligible to petition for degrees in Masonry.

May 15, 1946—A ballot being unfavourable to a candidate, a second ballot was ordered. The furnace of the Lodge going on a rampage, the Secretary left the Lodge room to attempt to repair the same. During his absence the second ballot was spread with unfavourable result.

Query: Was the second ballot illegal because of the absence of the Secretary?

I ruled that the second ballot was legal, even though the Secretary had technically violated Section 2008 of the Washington Masonic Code, it did not constitute sufficient grounds to annul the second ballot, particularily since it agreed with the first ballot.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1946

A petition was received by a lodge from an applicant who was a stockholder in a corporation that operates hotels and cocktail lounges. The applicant did not hold the license in his name and was not personally engaged in the actual management, dispensing and sale of liquor or beer in these places. The license was applied for by and issued to the corporation. It appeared to me that this man's situation was too remotely removed from the sale of intoxicating liquors to bar him from membership on that ground. It was therefore my decision that this candidate was eligible to present his petition and that it can be received by the constituent lodge.

The applicant was a clerk in a Walgreen drug store. Occasionally he is required to wait on customers at the liquor counter, but less than 5% of his time is devoted to liquor sales under these conditions. The license is taken out in the name of the chain store corporation. My decision was that this man was entitled to place his petition in the lodge, and that the lodge could accept his petition.

Petition to a lodge by a party whose left arm is shorter than the right arm; the defect was not the result of an amputation. The candidate can use it almost as well as his right arm. Under Article XVI, Section 1. I ruled that this man was not eligible.

WYOMING. Grand Master. 1946

Question—A brother who took his Entered Apprentice Degree sometime since, who has lost a limb through infection, and has subsequently lost the toes, or rather some of them, on the other foot, and who through embarrassment, largely, as well as the fear of injury of his remaining foot, for the slighest injury seems to cause his trouble, hesitates to advance.

His son has returned from Service, and this Brother is anxious to complete his work and see his son take the Degrees, and in talking the situation over in Lodge the other evening several plans were advanced, and it was suggested that the candidate might be admitted clothed so as to cause the least embarrassment, and that his work might be given with a minimum of audience, and possibly that a dispensation might be advisable in order to complete the work at one sitting.

The question is to what extent he can be clothed, and still conform to our requirements, and we would be pleased to have your opinion, for we are anxious to help the Brother out in every way possible, and deplore the circumstances surrounding his affliction.

Answer—Under Section 435 of our Wyoming Masonic Code, Paragraph (d) certain requirements are essential. This refers to the candidate's physical and mental condition at the time of his initiation and after taking his obligation the candidate is informed that he is a Mason. The Master and the Lodge are held strictly accountable for the observance of this law. In Section 396 the powers and duties of the Worshipful Master are defined and this allows of certain matters where his judgment is the ruling factor where the welfare of the lodge or a brother is affected.

In view of all the extenuating circumstances in this unnamed brother's case, I think the Worshipful Master of Acacia Lodge should use his prerogative and exercise it for the good of the Order, the Lodge and the brother affected. The clothing on the upper part of the body could be according to ritual and other clothing to suit the peculiar condition. A special or special meetings could be called to give this brother the F.C. and M.M. degrees as the Worshipful Master and brethren of Acacia No. 11 decide. If possible avoid the special dispensation as his mental condition, according to your letter, is not affected.

(Approved.)

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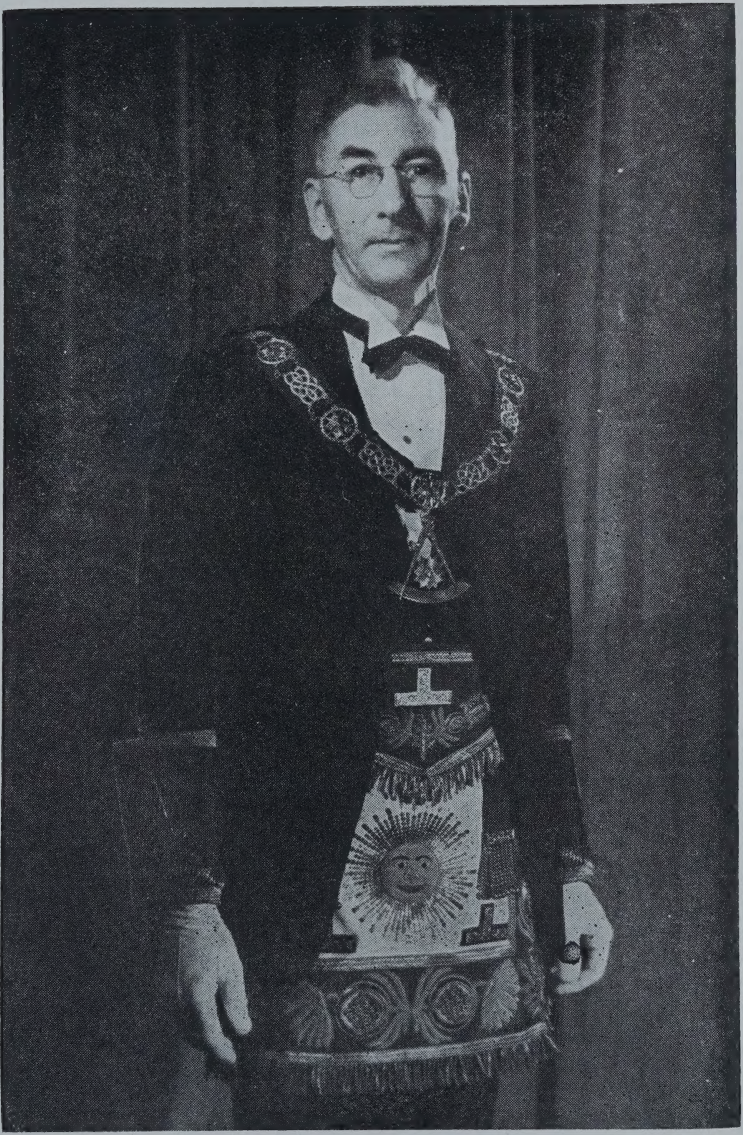

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD SATURDAY JULY 5th, 1947

A Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. was held at Bissett in the Province of Manitoba on the above date at 8.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of Instituting Rice Lake Lodge, on Dispensation issued by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, on May 13th, 1947.

Twenty brethren were present and one visitor.

M.W.Brother Harry B. Donnelly presided, and the following were in the several chairs:

M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess	as Acting I.P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington	Senior Grand Warden
V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe	as Acting J.G.W.
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess	Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes	G. D. of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Stan. Cruden	as Acting S. G. Deacon
W. Bro. E. Howard Brown	as Acting J. G. Deacon
W. Bro. John W. Wade (112)	Acting S. G. Steward
W. Bro. John Norquay	Junior Grand Steward
W. Bro. E. A. Baragar	Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. Donald J. Currie	Acting Grand Tyler

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donnelly, took his place and called the Lodge to order.

The Dispensation for the formation and Institution of Rice Lake Lodge was read by the Grand Secretary.

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The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Donnelly, with the assistance of his Officers opened the Lodge severally in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees.

By request of the M.W. Grand Master, the Grand Secretary read the names of the Officers selected to govern Rice Lake Lodge (Under Dispensation). They were as follows:

Worshipful Master	W. Bro. Frank Ralph Sutton
Senior Warden	Bro. Walter Geo. Dack
Junior Warden	Bro. Norris F. Ready
Secretary	Bro. Geo. H. Lucas
Senior Deacon	Bro. Hugh W. Scott
Junior Deacon	Bro. Herbert Clark
Senior Steward	Bro. Edward Austin Fults
Junior Steward	Bro. Wesley Williamson
Inner Guard	Bro. Clarence F. Caswell
Outer Guard	Bro. Donald J. Currie

These brethren were invested by the M.W. Grand Master assisted by R.W. Bro. Innes, Grand Director of Ceremonies, in an exceptionally impressive ceremony, and placed in their respective chairs.

W. Bro. Frank R. Sutton, Master of Rice Lake Lodge U.D., expressed his appreciation to the M.W. Grand Master for the ceremony of Institution, and acknowledged the great responsibility thereby placed upon him and his Officers and pledged his every endeavour to conduct the affairs of the Lodge in the true spirit of the Fraternity and for the betterment of the Community.

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey then made the following presentations to the new Lodge:

1. On behalf of Bro. Gordon McRobie, a beautiful Volume of the Sacred Law suitably inscribed.
2. On behalf of Pine Falls Lodge No. 154, a Set of Working Tools.
3. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, a complete set of books and supplies.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Donnelly, presented R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington with his Commission from the Grand Lodge of Nevada as the Grand Representative of Nevada near the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Grand Master then addressed the brethren of the Lodge, stressing two points:

1. Why a Masonic Lodge in Bissett.
2. Our duty to the Lodge once it is formed.

The Grand Secretary thanked the brethren of Bissett for the full co-operation and assistance in all events leading up to the Institution of this Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Officers then retired and the Lodge was closed severally in the Master Mason, Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Degrees at 9.10 p.m.

Following the Ceremony of Institution, a banquet was served by the wives of the membership of Rice Lake Lodge (U.D.) and a very delightful social hour was spent.

The Great-grandmother of this Lodge, Lisgar Lodge No. 2, the Grandmother Lodge, Ophir Lodge No. 112, and the Mother Lodge, Pine Falls Lodge No. 154, were all represented at these proceedings.

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

1947

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
INSTITUTION OF FENWICK LODGE U.D.

At the City of Brandon in the Province of Manitoba, and within the Masonic Temple there, the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met at 8.00 o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, the 24th day of October, 1947, pursuant to the notice given, for the purpose of Instituting a new Lodge to be known as "Fenwick Lodge U.D." under dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba under date of the 1st day of October, 1947, M.W. Bro. Harry Bingham Donnelly, Grand Master, presiding.

Grand Lodge was constituted at 8.00 o'clock in the evening with the following Officers in attendance:

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
Immediate Past Grand Master	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. H. Coddington
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey
Grand Director of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. W. H. Yarwood
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. A. Huddlestone
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. John Norquay
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. E. A. Baragar
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman

Also in attendance were the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
V.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

The M.W. the Grand Master stated the purpose for which Grand Lodge had assembled and requested the Grand Secretary to read the Dispensation of authority.

The M.W. the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers then opened the Lodge severally in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees of Freemasonry.

The Grand Secretary then read the list of Officers for the new Lodge under Dispensation. These were as follows:

Master	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Immediate Past Master	R.W. Bro. J. R. Reid
Senior Warden	Bro. F. J. Young
Junior Warden	Bro. J. C. Clee
Treasurer	W. Bro. F. C. Courtice
Secretary	Bro. F. M Offer
Chaplain	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro. L. Mitchell
Senior Deacon	Bro. W. Wyborn
Junior Deacon	Bro. R. Carruthers
Senior Steward	Bro. H. Smith
Junior Steward	Bro. H. McCullaugh
Organist	R.W. Bro. W. J. Dick
Inner Guard	Bro. A. Olson
Tyler	Bro. E. Tatton

As the names were read, the brethren took their places before the Altar facing the East. They were then obligated, and escorted to their several stations by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The M.W. Grand Master then gave the Charges to the Master and the Senior and Junior Wardens; the Lodge was called up and the Grand Master in a very impressive way gave the charge to the brethren of the Lodge. Grand Honors were given thrice and the Grand Director of Ceremonies made the usual proclamation. This was followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Master of Fenwick Lodge U.D. was then placed in the Chair of King Solomon by the M.W. Grand Master who extended his congratulations and best wishes.

The Dispensation was handed to the new Master, and the Gavel of Authority, with fitting remarks by the M.W. Grand Master and the Institution of the new Lodge was completed.

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan spoke briefly, extending his own personal thanks, and the thanks of the brethren of Fenwick Lodge to the M.W. Grand Master and his Officers for conducting the Ceremony of Institution.

Two Hundred and Twenty-eight (228) Freemasons were present.

The Ceremony of Institution was followed by the First Regular Meeting of Fenwick Lodge U.D.

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
INSTITUTION OF NEWDALE LODGE U.D.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. met in Special Communication at the Town of Newdale in the Province of Manitoba and within the Odd Fellows' Lodge Room, pursuant to notice given, on Thursday, December 4th, 1947, and was duly Instituted at 8.15 p.m., the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Harry Bingham Donnelly presiding. Seventy-eight members in attendance.

The following brethren occupied the several chairs:

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
Immediate Past Grand Master	M.W. Bro M. S. Donovan
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. H. Coddington
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. Chas E. Cole
Grand Secretary	R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess
Grand Director of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms
As Senior Deacon	V.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
Junior Deacon	V.W. Bro. A. Huddlestone
Senior Steward	V.W. Bro. Robert Emmett
Junior Steward	V.W. Bro. John Norquay
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. E. A. Baragar
As Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe

The following members of Grand Lodge were also in attendance:

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
R.W. Bro. E. H. Clark
R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
W. Bro. G. A. Lauman
W. Bro. Wm. Hadland
W. Bro. M. G. Graham
W. Bro. Sid. McCarthy

R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
W. Bro. John Fleming
W. Bro. T. H. Murton
W. Bro. M. R. Evans
W. Bro. C. E. Meadows
W. Bro. Henry Inman
W. Bro. H. H. Pollock
W. Bro. C. W. McLean
W. Bro. S. G. Millman
W. Bro. M. McDonald
W. Bro. E. Currah
W. Bro. J. W. Rousell
W. Bro. W. J. English
W. Bro. L. A. Mitchell
W. Bro. W. G. Nesbitt
W. Bro. Bolt. Hodgins
W. Bro. H. Markham
W. Bro. H. M. Mayhew
W. Bro. Roy Scott
W. Bro. S. W. Smith
W. Bro. R. H. English
W. Bro. A. D. Russell

Sitting Wardens:
Bro. M. A. Clow
Bro. J. W. Musgrove
Bro. W. E. McLean
Bro. W. H. English
Bro. H. Dennison

The M.W. the Grand Master stated the purpose for which the Grand Lodge had assembled and requested the Grand Secretary to read the Dispensation of authority.

The M.W. the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers then opened the Lodge severally in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees of Freemasonry.

The Grand Secretary read the names of the brethren who had been selected to govern Newdale Lodge Under Dispensation, who took their places before the Altar. There being no objection offered to any of them, the Grand Master then obligated them, invested them with the Jewel of Office and the Grand Director of Ceremonies conducted them to their respective stations in the Lodge, in a very impressive and dignified ceremony. The Officers so obligated and invested were:

Master	W. Bro. J. M. Sinclair
Immediate Past Master	W. Bro. T. W. McLean
Senior Warden	Bro. S. H. Dayton
Junior Warden	W. Bro. Chas. Daum
Treasurer	Bro. A. E. Walkey
Secretary	Bro. R. G. Brown
Senior Deacon	Bro. C. R. Bradley
Junior Deacon	Bro. J. S. Reid
Inner Guard	Bro. A. E. Walkey
Outer Guard	Bro. J. P. Coutts

The Grand Master impressively addressed the Master and Wardens, presented the Dispensation to the Master, and in a few well chosen words placed the Gavel of Authority in his hand.

Presentations were then made as follows:

Volume of the Sacred Law..	by W. Bro. Bolt. Hodgins, a nephew of the late W. Bro. Eli Hodgins.
Set of Working Tools	by W. Bro. J. M. Sinclair.
Sword	by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, on behalf of Ionic Lodge No. 25, Winnipeg.

W. Bro. Sinclair then thanked the Grand Master and his Officers for their presence and for the efficient way the Ceremony of Institution of Newdale Lodge had been conducted.

This being the first regular meeting of Newdale Lodge the necessary items of business were attended to. The various blank spaces in the Standard By-Laws were filled in by unanimous consent of the Lodge members. Five petitions for Initiation were read, received and referred respectively to Committees of Enquiry, to be named by the Master.

The Grand Master suitably addressed the gathering and the Officers of Newdale Lodge closed in the Master Mason, Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Degrees.

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge
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1948

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

In the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday, the Second day of June, 1948, and within the Ball Room of the Fort Garry Hotel, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met in the Seventy-third Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 2.30 in the afternoon by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry Bingham Donnelly. The Invocation was given by the Grand Chaplain, Right Worshipful Brother Rev. E. A. Syms.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly (138), St. Vital	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Roland	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), Winnipeg,	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), Portage la Prairie,	Junior Grand Warden
V.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), Winnipeg	As Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey (25), Winnipeg	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms (117), Souris	Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg	Grand Historian
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), Winnipeg,	As Grand Director of Ceremonies
M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), Winnipeg	Grand Librarian
V.W. Bro. Wm. H. Yarwood (102), Miniota,	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. A. Huddlestone (137), Winnipeg,	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), St. James	Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. John Norquay (2), Winnipeg	Junior Grand Steward
Bro. Norman Erskine (119), Norwood	As Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. E. A. Baragar (103), Elm Creek	Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. John K. Reid (121), St. James	As Grand Tyler

R.W. Bro. Dr. A. S. McCann (4), for R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue (25), Winnipeg	D.D.G.M. 1st. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. R. J. Wallace (75), Austin	D.D.G.M. 2nd. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. H. Hamilton (48), Glenboro	D.D.G.M. 3rd. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. R. Lawson (30), Manitou	D.D.G.M. 4th. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Clark (14), Minnedosa	D.D.G.M. 5th. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. H. L. Morrow (54), Melita	D.D.D.M. 6th. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms (43), Virden	D.D.G.M. 7th. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. W. Casson (120), Greenridge	D.D.G.M. 8th. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. C. F. Drager (128), Benito	D.D.G.M. 9th. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. D. Ferguson (156), Moosehorn	D.D.G.M. 10th. Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W F. Kerby (145), Sturgeon Creek	D.D.G.M. 12th. Masonic District

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M.W. Bro. Geo. R. Calvert (1)
M.W. Bro. N. J. Black (3)
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)
M.W Bro. Jas. Mackie (4)
M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4)
M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10)
M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11)
M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12)
M.W. Bro W. D. Lawrence (25)
M.W. Bro. W. J. Major (25)
M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25)
M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90)
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102)
M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (114)
M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140)

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W. Bro. J. A. Macartney

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Bro. N. A. Curll . . . . S.W.

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W. Bro. C. Ross
W. Bro. A. Russell
W. Bro. C. C. J. Sanderson
W. Bro. Robt. Shark
W. Bro. W. Speirs
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Bro. Geo. Butler ...... S.W.
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R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr
V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick
W. Bro. H. M. Gibson
W. Bro. H. S. Perdue

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		W. Bro. J. J. Wells

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		W. Bro. N. T. E. Madsen

MOUND LODGE No. 118:

W. Bro. L. R. McKay	W.M.	W. Bro. R. A. Creith

NORWOOD LODGE No. 119:

W. Bro. E. H. Pascoe	W.M.	R.W. Bro. E. W. Goodeve
Bro. D. Milne	S.W.	V.W. Bro. S. C. Taylor
Bro. J. W. Taylor	J.W.	W. Bro. J. V. Dillabough
		W. Bro. L. T. Force
		W. Bro. W. M. Summers
		W. Bro. J. S. Torell

PENZA LODGE No. 120:

W. Bro. H. W. Davison	W.M.	R.W. Bro. W. W. Casson
Bro. R. W. Witty	S.W.	R.W. Bro. J. A. McVicar
		W. Bro. L. Andrew
		W. Bro. A. S. Calder
		W. Bro. A. G. Froom
		W. Bro. H. Spence
		W. Bro. J. R. Witty

ST. JAMES LODGE No. 121:

W. Bro. G. Wilson Rattray	W.M.	V.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Bro. Geo. Souter	S.W.	W. Bro. C. V. Blake
Bro. C. Roy Saul	J.W.	W. Bro. A. Calder
		W. Bro. A. R. James
		W. Bro. Thos. King
		W. Bro. A. L. Large
		W. Bro. W. S. Marley
		W. Bro. D. McCulloch
		W. Bro. F. W. Piper
		W. Bro. E. S. Reeves
		W. Bro. R. Wood
		W. Bro. J. Wylie

ROBLIN LODGE No. 122:

TRANSCONA LODGE No. 123:

W. Bro. E. E. Buckby ... W.M.
Bro. C. J. Sayer ...... S.W.

R.W. Bro. M. MacKay
W. Bro. E. A. Badke
W. Bro. J. M. Black
W. Bro. M. Cochran
W. Bro. T. R. Evans
W. Bro. J. Fowlis
W. Bro. L. E. Gendron
W. Bro. A. W. Harvey
W. Bro. R. A. Kellie
W. Bro. S. A. Lewis
W. Bro. R. J. MacKay
W. Bro. Jas. Taggart

THE PAS LODGE No. 124:

W. Bro. A. L. Jacobs .... W.M.

R.W. Bro. H. J. Aitchison
W. Bro. W. Howie

PATRICIA LODGE No. 125:

W. Bro. Paul Jeske

FAVEL LODGE No. 126:

EMPIRE LODGE No. 127:

W. Bro. Geo. Smith ..... W.M.
Bro. Jas. McCowan ... S.W.
Bro. W. F. Coleman ... J.W.

R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
W. Bro. O. W. Crowther
W. Bro. A. E. Jones
W. Bro. W. Lamb
W. Bro. A. Sinclair
W. Bro. R. W. Wakeham

VICTORY LODGE No. 128:

R.W. Bro. C. F. Drager

FORT GARRY LODGE No. 130:

W. Bro. I. J. Hogg ...... W.M.
Bro. R. G. Scott ...... J.W.

R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
R.W. Bro. M. H. Garton
W. Bro. V. K. Croxford
W. Bro. A. E. Duff
W. Bro. J. R. Finlay
W. Bro. T. Gilchrist
W. Bro. C. C. Murphy
W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
W. Bro. J. G. Sinclair
W. Bro. J. W. Wilson

KILDONAN LODGE No. 131:

W. Bro. P. V. Samson ... W.M.
Bro. D. Carnegie ..... S.W.

V.W. Bro. C. J. Nicholson
W. Bro. L. G. Barnes

Bro. A. W. Ogston .... J.W.	W. Bro. A. H. Brotheridge
	W. Bro. W. Inglis
	W. Bro. A. E. Love
	W. Bro. W. R. Morrison
	W. Bro. W. S. Page
	W. Bro. J. Rennie
	W. Bro. Wm. Thompson

SPRAGUE LODGE No. 132:

W. Bro. Thos. McCarthy . W.M.	W. Bro. J. R. C. Emes
Bro. Jack Mills ...... S.W.	

McCREARY LODGE No. 133:

Bro. Sam. L. Harris ... S.W.	R.W. Bro. T. L. Bishop
Bro. Jas. Crout .... J.W.	

STONY MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 134:

Bro. E. R. R. Mills .... S.W.	R.W. Bro. J. S. Wilson
Bro. J. C. Wishart .... J.W.	W. Bro. H. W. Elwell
	W. Bro. C. H. French
	W. Bro. W. H. French
	W. Bro. R. F. Greene

CAPITOL LODGE No. 136:

W. Bro. T. E. Burnett ... W.M.	R.W. Bro. G. E. Miles
Bro. J. P. Edgar ...... S.W.	W. Bro. H. W. Cooper
Bro. R. J. Emerson .... J.W.	W. Bro. J. A. McIlvride
	W. Bro. W. J. Law

LORD SELKIRK LODGE No. 137:

W. Bro. T. A. McMaster . W.M.	R.W. Bro. G. R. Mackay
	V.W. Bro. A. Huddlestone
	W. Bro. E. W. Armstrong
	W. Bro. R. A. Bruce
	W. Bro. M. Ferguson

WINDSOR LODGE No. 138:

W. Bro. P. T. Houston ... W.M.	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
Bro. J. F. Orr .... S.W.	R.W. Bro. Dave Griffith
	V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure
	W. Bro. T. C. Forbes
	W. Bro. H. J. Horton
	W. Bro. R. McClure

BEAVER LODGE No. 139:

W. Bro. C. J. Timleck ... W.M.	R.W. Bro. Les. C. Welsh
Bro. M. Lougheed .... J.W.	V.W. Bro. W. O. Lawson
	V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
	V.W. Bro. M. MacLean

		W. Bro. F. H. Herbert
		W. Bro. J. P. Mowat
		W. Bro. A. W. Phelps
		W. Bro. A. Wharton

MERIDIAN LODGE No. 140:

W. Bro. J. M. Ross	W.M.	M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
Bro. A. C. Cabel	S.W.	R.W. Bro. Dave. MacKay
Bro. P. D. Strange	J.W.	R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie
		W. Bro. D. J. Hollingsworth
		W. Bro. W. G. Kelsey
		W. Bro. G. Kerslake
		W. Bro. D. A. King
		W. Bro. A. J. MacIver
		W. Bro. Dave Milliken
		W. Bro. Jas. Mowat
		W. Bro. L. A. Whyte
		W. Bro. M. A. Woods

TUSCAN LODGE NO. 141:

W. Bro. H. E. Harris	W.M.	R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray
Bro. G. F. Rogers	J.W.	V.W. Bro. N. Rothstein
Bro. D. Rothstein	S.W.	W. Bro. J. E. Biggerstaff
		W. Bro. T Crossley
		W. Bro. F. C. Nixon
		W. Bro. A. R. Simpson

HARMONY LODGE No. 142:

Bro. G. H. Dennison	S.W.	W. Bro. R. H. English
Bro. A. T. Russell	J.W.	W. Bro. A. D. Russell

MT. SINAI LODGE No. 143:

W. Bro. I. Zipursky	W.M.	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
Bro. H. Haid	S.W.	W. Bro. F. B. Dubinsky
Bro. J. M. Lyons	J.W.	W. Bro. Jack Fred
		W. Bro. S. Golden
		W. Bro. H. Guttman
		W. Bro. I. Guttman
		W. Bro. H. A. Kaplan
		W. Bro. W Leonoff.
		W. Bro. J. L. Rill
		W. Bro. M. Rosenstock
		W. Bro. J. Serebrin
		W. Bro. A. E. Weidman

FORT OSBORNE LODGE No. 144:

W. Bro. M. A. M. MacIver	W.M.	W. Bro. G. Y. Cook
Bro. J. O. Stebbing	J.W.	W. Bro. D. Harriman
		W. Bro. F. W. Woodward

STURGEON CREEK LODGE No. 145:

W. Bro. Nels Pearson	W.M.	R.W. Bro. W. A. Kerby
Bro. H. S. Simpson	S.W.	W. Bro. D. A. Best
Bro. A. R. Laird	J.W.	W. Bro. E. W. Browne

FIDELITY LODGE No. 146:

W. Bro. E. J. Heaney	W.M.	R.W. Bro. G. Florence
Bro. G. H. Ross	S.W.	R.W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair
		W. Bro. A. Sandilands
		W. Bro. C. H. Josie
		W. Bro. C. H. Kelly
		W. Bro. A. MacDonald
		W. Bro. W. W. Pile
		W. Bro. S. C. Swanton
		W. Bro. F. H. Williams

JUBILEE LODGE No. 147:

W. Bro. H. J. Stevens	W.M.	

SEVEN OAKS LODGE No. 148:

W. Bro. Geo. Milne	W.M.	W. Bro. S. V. Basley
Bro. W. J. T. Pearce	S.W.	W. Bro. John Woodmass
Bro. J. J. Douglas	J.W.	

CARTWRIGHT LODGE No. 150:

THE DORMER LODGE No. 151:

W. Bro. Robt. Miller	W.M.	R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross
Bro. A. C. Keel	S.W.	R.W. Bro. H. Sherstone
Bro. S. Colville	J.W.	W. Bro. R. S. Bird
		W. Bro. J. Elder
		W. Bro. E. Melhuish
		W. Bro. E. Taylor
		W. Bro. C. H. Wells

FOXWARREN LODGE No. 152:

W. Bro. J. M. Murchison	W.M.	R.W. Bro. Louis Armit

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153:

W. Bro. J. Greenberg	W.M.	W. Bro. W. A. Young
Bro. F. M. Duncan	S.W.	

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154:

Bro. E. J. Kahle	S.W.	R.W. Bro. D. C. Robertson

CARMAN LODGE No. 155:

W. Bro. N. B. Refvik	W.M.	R.W. Bro. J. Millroy
Bro. Clare Metcalfe	S.W.	W. Bro. M. Dorfman
Bro. L. Roth	J.W.	W. Bro. A. E. Shewfelt
		W. Bro. G. W. Weaver

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156:

W. Bro. G. J. Breckman . . W.M. R.W. Bro. David Ferguson
Bro. R. H. France . . . . J.W. W. Bro. T. Moorbey

RICE LAKE LODGE U.D.

W. Bro. F. R. Sutton . . . . W.M.

FENWICK LODGE U.D.

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan W.M. R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
Bro. J. C. Clee . . . . . . J.W.

NEWDALE LODGE U.D.

W. Bro. J. M. Sinclair . . W.M.

Honorary Members:

M.W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop
M.W. Bro. L. H. Colson
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton
M.W. Bro. Frank Matson
M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford
M.W. Bro. W. P. Sturtz
M.W. Bro. Harry Gill
M.W. Bro. C. H. Pollock
R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate

Visitors:

M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming
M.W. Bro. C. L. Jacobson
M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay
M.W. Bro. John Stormon
M.W. Bro. John B. Tomhave
M.W. Bro. R. R. Twamley
V.W. Bro. Clinton M. Norton
W. Bro. Geo. Stamson
W. Bro. Dr. F. H. Sanborn
Bro. B. R. Olmstead
Bro. John Caudlinc
Bro. J. R. Hope

All Master Masons desiring to enter Grand Lodge were then admitted and assigned to special seating accommodation to the rear of the Senior Grand Warden

The M.W. Grand Master welcomed members of Grand Lodge, visitors and Master Masons.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, made feeling reference to the loss Grand Lodge had sustained during the year, of our Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. Joseph J. Lyon, of our revered M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, acting Librarian, and of R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, Grand Treasurer. These brethren were greatly beloved in this Grand Lodge. They served their day and generation faithfully by the will of God and have joined the Grand Lodge above. The M.W. Grand Master called Grand Lodge up for two minutes silence in their memory.

After the Grand Lodge was seated, the M.W. Grand Master called attention to the absence of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, through illness, and requested the Grand Secretary to send flowers with best wishes from the Grand Lodge.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), that the Agenda and the Regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge be adopted as printed, subject only to the wishes of the M.W. the Grand Master. Carried.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, requested that all brethren entering and leaving the Lodge, approach the Altar, give the necessary sign and retire quietly, and only between items of business.

Also, that all Motions should be written out—forms for this purpose are available, and will be found on the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens' pedestals.

READING OF MINUTES

It was moved by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole (7), that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, having been printed in the Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (113), the Minutes of the three Special Communications of Grand Lodge were taken as read and confirmed: (a) The Institution of Rice Lake Lodge U.D. at Bissett on July 5th, 1947. (b) The Institution of Fenwick Lodge U.D. at Brandon on October 24th, 1974. (c) The Institution of Newdale Lodge U.D. at Newdale, on December 4th, 1947.

PETITIONS, APPEALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Regrets for absence were presented on behalf of the following Brethren:

M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. Sam. Harris, P.G.M., High Prairie, Alta.

M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman, P.G.M., Minneapolis, Minn.

M.W. Bro. S. A. Erickson, P.G.M., Mankato, Minn.

M.W. Bro. T. H. Simpson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario).

R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario).

R.W. Bro. John H. Anderson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

R.W. Bro. E. F. Strain, Grain Secretary, Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, through M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni.

R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, at Coquitlam, B.C.

V.W. Bro. O. L. Best, Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Petitions for Charters were then presented from Rice Lake Lodge U.D. located at Bissett, Manitoba, Fenwick Lodge U.D. located at Brandon, Manitoba, and Newdale Lodge U.D. located at Newdale, Manitoba.

REPORTS OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for the Grand Lodge Offices, the Board of General Purposes and District Deputy Grand Masters:

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Shiloh Lodge No. 70.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.

Junior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Geo. P. Fairbairn, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie, Meridian Lodge No. 140.
R.W. Bro. Chas. A. Midwinter, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
R.W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair, Fidelity Lodge No. 146.

Grand Treasurer:
V.W. Bro. W. Percy White, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Secretary:
M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Grand Chaplain:
W. Bro. Roy S. Montgomery, Lisgar Lodge No, 2.
W. Bro. Joseph E. Cooper, Swan Lake Lodge No. 109.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
W. Bro. R. Frank Bingham, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
V.W. Bro. Sydney A. Foreman, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Librarian:
W. Bro. J. Russell Fraser, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
M.W. Bro. John James Henderson, Miniota Lodge No. 102.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District:
V.W. Bro. Robt. E. Emmett, St. James Lodge No. 121.

Second Masonic District:
W. Bro. Wilfred J. McGregor, Gladstone Lodge No. 11.

Third Masonic District:
W. Bro. Hugh I. Skinner, Swan Lake Lodge No. 109.

Fourth Masonic District:
W. Bro. George E. Cox, Morden Lodge No 13

Fifth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Andrew D. Russell, Harmony Lodge No. 142.

Sixth Masonic District:
W. Bro. James McDole, Elgin Lodge No. 86.

Seventh Masonic District:
W. Bro. James W. Broatch, Brandon Lodge No. 19.
W. Bro. David G. McMillan, Lansdowne Lodge No. 107.

Eighth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Wm. Earl Glover, Shiloh Lodge No. 70.

Ninth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Arthur L. Wrye, Vermillion Lodge No. 68.

Tenth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Louis E. Gendron, Transcona Lodge No. 123.
W. Bro. Edward Melhuish, The Dormer Lodge No. 151.

Twelfth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Abraham E. Weidman, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.

Board of General Purposes:
R.W. Bro. Robt. M. Muckle, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
W. Bro. Stephen J. Sametz, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

R.W. Bro. Kenneth R. Kennedy, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.
R.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.
R.W. Bro. Albert E. Thompson, Glenboro Lodge No. 48.
W. Bro. Frederick W. Piper, St. James Lodge No. 121.
R.W. Bro. James Wardrope, Empire Lodge No. 127.
R.W. Bro. David Griffith, Windsor Lodge No, 138.
V.W. Bro. Murdo MacLean, Beaver Lodge No. 139.
W. Bro. David Milliken, Meridian Lodge No. 140.
R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray, Tuscan Lodge No. 141.
R.W. Bro. Robert W. Ross, The Dormer Lodge No. 151.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

On behalf of the Board of General Purposes I beg to submit the following summary of the business transacted by the Board since the last Regular Communication of Grand Lodge.

MEETING OF JUNE 5th, 1947
34 Members Present

The inaugural meeting of the Board was held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge. By virtue of office, R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald became President of the Board, and R.W. Bro, Harry Coddington was elected Vice-president.

The following Committee was selected to strike Standing Committees:

M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, Chairman
M.W, Bro, Geo, Hunter
M.W. Bro, J. J. Henderson
M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker
M.W. Bro. Geo. R. Calvert

MEETING OF JUNE 27th, 1947
28 Members Present

The President presided. The Committee to strike Standing Committees presented its report. The report was adopted.

The Board approved the following delegation to attend the Banff Conference on September 4th, 5th and 6th, i.e.: The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. The

The Grand Master to appoint a substitute in the event of any of these three being unable to attend.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19th, 1947
41 Members Present

The President presided. Interim reports were received from several Standing Committees.

McCreary Lodge gave intimation of the opening of a new Masonic Hall on October 16th.

Approval was given to cover travelling expenses of out-of-town Members of the Board while attending meetings of the Board.

Petition for a new Lodge at Newdale signed by eight petitioners was presented. Strathclair Lodge No. 106 recommended the formation of the new Lodge. The application was laid over until the next meeting pending receipt of further information.

Petition for a new Lodge at Brandon to be called Fenwick Lodge signed by forty-eight petitioners was presented. The Petition was supported by R.W. Bros. Hugh M. Kerr, W. A. Prugh and others. Approval of R. J. Timms, D.D.G.M., was given. The petition named M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, the Worshipful Master under Dispensation, Bro. Frederick Henry Young, the first Senior Warden and Bro. John Campbell Clee, the first Junior Warden. The Board recommended the grant of a Dispensation for the formation of a Lodge at Brandon to be known as Fenwick Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master presented to the Board the great need of our Brethren in the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England for food. He outlined a plan whereby parcels could be forwarded to individuals in these Grand Jurisdictions. Names of the individuals to be furnished by the respective Grand Secretaries of these Grand Lodges. Request was made for the Board to sanction an appeal under the auspices of Grand Lodge for Food Parcels to Britain Fund. The Board accepted the plan whereby parcels valued at $1,000.00 would be provided by them for a period of two months. The Grand Master was empowered to form a committee for the purposes of working out details to continue this activity.

R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald gave a report on the Banff Conference. Thirty-six members and guests were present. Manitoba delegates consisted of the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and the Grand Secretary.

The Board by a standing vote recorded its sorrow and regret at the passing of M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller.

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann proposed to the Board the formation of a Lodge of Research to which Master Masons might belong. The matter was referred to the Committee on Research and Education.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21st, 1947

26 Members Present

The President presided.

A report was given on the opening of the new Lodge Room at McCreary, Manitoba.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master informed the Board that Fenwick Lodge in Brandon was instituted on October 24th, 1947.

Interim reports were received from several Standing Committes.

The Board approved request of the Finance Committee to budget for expense of $300.00 for certain expenses of Food Parcels to Britain Fund which was being collected throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Food Parcels to Britain Fund reported the sum of $2,033.25 collected to date.

Permission was granted Vermillion Lodge No. 68 and Cypress Lodge No. 82 to sell certain properties subject to approval of the Board.

Request was received for approval of sale of property of Kildonan Lodge No. 131 to East Kildonan Masonic Temple Association Ltd., for use and benefit of Kildonan and The Dormer Lodges and Kildonan Chapter. The application being in order the request was granted. The use of the word "Masonic," in the above, without the prior approval of the Board, was questioned. The Grand Secretary was asked to draw this matter to the attention of the Provincial Secretary.

Petition for the formation of a new Lodge at Newdale was then considered. The necessary information having been received and several speaking in favour of same, the Board recommended to the Grand Master that the Dispensation be issued to Newdale Lodge and that Institution of the new Lodge be arranged.

A circular letter to all Lodges in the Jurisdiction was authorized to be sent out by the Committee on Condition of Freemasonry, pointing out that a satisfactory examination of all candidates had to be passed before Master Masons' certificates could be presented.

MEETING FEBRUARY 20th, 1948

32 Members Present

The President presided. Several Standing Committees presented interim reports.

The minutes of the Institution of Newdale Lodge December 4th, 1947, were taken as read and confirmed.

R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald in an interim report stated that to date there had been 775 food parcels forwarded with receipts to hand of $19,500.00. M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan on behalf of the Brandon Lodge of Perfection presented a cheque of $1,000.00 for the Food Parcels to Britain Fund. The Grand Secretary was asked to acknowledge the gift and express the appreciation of the Board and of the Food Parcel Committee.

Authority was granted the Grand Secretary to redeem Dominion of Canada 3¼% bond $1,000.00 called for redemption and credit proceeds to Benevolent Endowment Committee account.

MEETING APRIL 16th, 1948

32 Members Present

The President presided. Interim reports of several Standing Committees were given. Chairman of the Food Parcels to Britain Fund in an interim report stated that more than $25,000.00 had been received and 1075 parcels forwarded.

A charge of Unmasonic Conduct was preferred against a member of McCreary Lodge No. 133. A Trial Commission was appointed by the President of the Board and approved.

Recognition of long service of Lodge Secretaries of Grand Lodge was discussed by the Board and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry to bring in a report at the next meeting. Mention was made of the thirty-six years of service by Bro. Wm. Dewar, Secretary of Acacia Lodge No. 111. Bro. Dewar had not missed a meeting in all these years nor had he been late at any meeting.

Four proposed Amendments to the Constitution were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

MEETING JUNE 2nd, 1948

The President presided. The reports of all the Standing Committees were read and approved for submission to the Grand Lodge, with the exception of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals and the Committee on Constitution and Revision.

A petition presented to the Board for a Charter was received from the following Lodges:

Rice Lake Lodge U.D. at Bissett, Man.
Fenwick Lodge, U.D. at Brandon, Man.
Newdale Lodge U.D. at Newdale, Man.

It was recommended that the petitions be submitted to Grand Lodge for approval.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Amendments to Constitution had been approved in form for submission to Grand Lodge.

A ruling of the Board, was requested by Fort Garry Lodge as to the admission into the Craft of a blind person. This was referred to an early meeting of the incoming Board of General Purposes for a ruling.

The question as to the removal of the Masonic Emblem on the former Lodge room at Shoal Lake, was discussed. It was felt that this should be the responsibility of first the Shoal Lake Lodge and secondly for the Fifth Masonic District.

The Board of General Purposes has given careful attention to all business brought before it and has maintained close oversight of all matters pertaining to the Grand Lodge. The average attendance at all meetings was 32.

Fraternally submitted,
WALTER C. McDONALD,
President.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald (70), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93). Carried.

MOTIONS RE PETITIONS FOR CHARTERS

RICE LAKE LODGE

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), that:

WHEREAS Rice Lake Lodge, having been granted a dispensation by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on May 13th, 1947. Instituted by the Most Worshipful Brother Harry Bingham Donnelly, Grand Master, on Saturday the Fifth day of July, 1947, at Bissett, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS since that date, has carried on as a Lodge of Freemasons successfully in accordance with and in harmony with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba as the report of the Grand Master to the Board of General Purposes would testify;

AND WHEREAS the said Lodge, having petitioned the Grand Lodge to grant them a Charter, which petition with the approval of the Grand Master is now favorably recommended by the Board of General Purposes.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that this Grand Lodge of Manitoba grant the prayer of the Petition, and that the said Lodge, situate in the Town of Bissett, Manitoba, be placed on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, denominated Rice Lake Lodge, and numbered 157. Carried.

FENWICK LODGE

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole (7), that:

WHEREAS Fenwick Lodge, having been granted a dispensation by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on October 1st, 1947, Instituted by the Most Worshipful Brother Harry Bingham Donnelly, Grand Master, on Friday the 24th day of October, 1947, at Brandon, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS since that date, has carried on as a Lodge of Freemasons successfully in accordance with and in harmony with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba as the report of the Grand Master to the Board of General Purposes would testify;

AND WHEREAS the said Lodge, having petitioned the Grand Lodge to grant them a Charter, which petition with the approval of the Grand Master is now favorably recommended by the Board of General Purposes.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that this Grand Lodge of Manitoba grant the prayer of the Petition, and that the said Lodge, situate in the City of Brandon, Manitoba, be placed on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, denominated Fenwick Lodge, and numbered 158. Carried.

NEWDALE LODGE

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), that:

WHEREAS Newdale Lodge, having been granted a dispensation by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on December 1st, 1947, Instituted by the Most Worshipful Brother Harry Bingham Donnelly, Grand Master, on Thursday, the 4th of December, 1947, at Newdale, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS since that date has carried on as a Lodge of Freemasons successfully in accordance with and in harmony with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba as the report of the Grand Master to the Board of General Purposes would testify.

AND WHEREAS the said Lodge, having petitioned the Grand Lodge to grant them a Charter, which petition with the approval of the Grand Master is now favorably recommended by the Board of General Purposes.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that this Grand Lodge of Manitoba grant the prayer of the Petition, and that the said Lodge, situate in the Town of Newdale, Manitoba, be placed on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, denominated Newdale Lodge, and numbered 159. Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Herewith I beg to submit to you the Seventy-Third Annual Report of the Grand Secretary for the year ended March 31st, 1948.

Copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Communication held in the Royal Alexandra Hotel on June 4th and 5th, 1947, were prepared in record time and mailed to each of the Constituent Lodges, to the Officers of Grand Lodge, the members of the Board of General Purposes and to the Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal relationship. Copies were also furnished to members of the Craft making application for the same. Many of the Grand Lodges have reciprocated by sending one or more copies of their Proceedings to us and these have been suitably acknowledged in each case.

Warning Circulars have been prepared in accordance with the decision of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, and were mailed to constituent lodges and other Bodies having Masonic affiliations as numbers 72A and 72B.

Certificates for Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Master Masons, Life Members and Honorary Members have been prepared and presented to individuals entitled to receive the same, or forwarded promptly to the Secretaries of the lodges concerned.

The Half-yearly Returns covering the activities of the several constituent lodges and three lodges under Dispensation for the calendar year 1947 were all received finally. Last year every report was received by March 1st, 1947. This year the last report was received on April 1st, 1948. There does not appear to be any good reason why these reports should be so long delayed. We would appreciate the attention of a few of the lodge Secretaries to this matter and confidently hope for an improvement in this situation.

For the willing co-operation of our lodge Secretaries, and the courtesy and promptness in much correspondence, the Grand Secretary's Office records its sincere thanks.

The returns, Form No. 42 show a gross increase in membership of 1186, an increase of 41 over 1946, while losses through Demits, Suspensions and Deaths amounted to 459, an increase of 62 over 1946, making the net gain for the year under review 727. The following comparative table is the summary of membership for the past four years:

Membership as at January 1st, 1947 11,798

Additions:	1944	1945	1946	1947
Initiations	619	699	901	874
Re-Instated	80	88	74	53
Affiliations	131	99	170	259
Totals	830	886	1145	1186

Removals:

By Demit	116	140	181	183	
Suspension—N.P.D.	53	50	27	48	
Suspension—U.M.C.	0	0	1	0	
By Death	212	184	188	228	
Totals	381	374	397	459	
Net Increase	449	512	748	727	727

Membership as at December 31st, 1947 12,525

The following table shows the Degrees conferred in the several lodges for the past four years:

	1944	1945	1946	1947
Entered Apprentice	619	699	901	874
Fellow Craft	502	639	940	843
Master Mason	535	627	869	841
Totals	1656	1965	2710	2558

There has been a definite improvement this year in the accuracy of the reports. Some errors still creep in and there have been ommissions. Correspondence has been necessary to get added information and adjust errors, and the ready co-operation of the lodge Secretaries has been deeply appreciated. Just a little more care in making out these reports would eliminate much of this correspondence.

An Analysis of the reports shows the following facts:
Suspensions for N.P.D.:

77 Lodges have had no suspensions for Non-payment of dues (82 in 1946).

29 Lodges show 47 suspensions for Non-payment of dues (21 in 1946).

Suspensions for U.M.C.:

None in 1947 and 1 in 1946.

Membership:

86 Lodges show an increase in membership.
16 Lodges show a decrease in membership.
4 Lodges show membership as unchanged.
5 Lodges had no Initiations.
1 Lodge conferred no Degrees at all.

Further details may be gathered from the Statistical table which will appear in the printed proceedings of this Communication.

Dispensations issued from June 1st, 1947 to May 31st, 1948:

To hold Joint Installations	10
To attend Divine Service in Regalia	33
To change Lodge Premises	6
To confer Degrees within the specified time	3
To elect Lodge Officers (Sec. 124)	9
To confer Degrees after securing Waivers (Sec. 150)	17
To hold District Meetings	11
To change place of meeting	4
To hold meetings for Election and Installation	2
For modified Examination (Sec. 179)	1
To receive new petitions (Sec. 155)	1
To meet flood conditions at Morris	1
Total	98

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

At the present time in this Grand Jurisdiction there are 103 Chartered Lodges and 3 Lodges under Dispensation. At December 31st, 1947, the total membership was 12,525. A review of this membership at April 30th, 1948, reveals the total Life Members in these lodges to be 1,357 or 10.8% of the total membership. Prior to June 3rd, 1943, there were 991, and since that date 366 have been added to the list, making a total of 1,357.

It might be of some interest to members of this Grand Lodge to know that since December 10th, 1870, until the close of the year 1947, a little better than 78 years of organized Freemasonry in Manitoba, 25,735 Master Mason Certificates have been issued, and 6,443 have come into membership in the Lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction by Affiliation.

Amendments to By-Laws:

1, Regular Meetings	Lodges 27, 70, 74, 106
2. Election of Officers	Lodge 151
3. Finances	Lodge 27
4. Annual Dues	Lodges 24, 112, 118, 134
5. Fees for Degrees	Lodge 70
6. Life Membership	Lodge 151
7. Committee of General Purposes	Lodges 27, 143
8. Complete revision	Lodges 4, 94, 127, 144

Appropriate reference will be made in the Grand Master's address to the great loss Grand Lodge has sustained in the passing of Most Worshipful Brother Harry Woods, Acting Librarian, of Right Worshipful Brother Alexander Burgess, Grand Treasurer, and of Very Worshipful Brother Joseph J. Lyon, Grand Organist. These Brethren were gentlemen of high principle, genial and courteous demeanor and possessed of unusual gifts of heart and soul. To have been associated with them so intimately in the service of this Grand Lodge will long remain a helpful and happy memory.

The year under review in the Grand Secretary's Office has been a very active one. Sickness has depleted our staff for many weeks at a time, but we are glad to report Miss Margaret Anderson back with us and well on the way to complete restoration. To Miss Anderson and Miss Penhallurick we record our appreciation for services well done and with the utmost co-operation.

Attached to this report are the following schedules setting forth the detail of information referred to in this report.

a. Tabular Statement of Degrees conferred, changes in membership, etc.

b. Life Membership by Lodges.

c. Tabular Statement of Demits issued.

d. Members received by Lodges since December 10th, 1870.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

Presented by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved that the Report be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, seconded by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113). Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge regrets exceedingly the death of the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge; R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess had completed another year of efficient services to this Grand Lodge as its Grand Treasurer, and very suddenly surrounded by the comforts of his own home passed from us. As Chairman of the Finance Committee it falls to my lot to present on behalf of the Board of General Purposes for your consideration and approval, statements listed hereunder dealing with accounts relating to the finances of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal period ending March 31st, 1948.

General Fund:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:

Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Income and Expenditure.

Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "3"—Beneficiary Fund Payments.
Exhibit "G"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The foregoing Statements have been audited and found correct and the Auditors' Certificate is attached to the Report.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY CODDINGTON,
for Grand Treasurer.

Moved by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), that the Report be adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. Andrew Huddlestone (137). Carried.

April 19th, 1948.

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and
Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1948, and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

General Fund:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:

Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.

Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "3"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.

Exhibit "G"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Cash in Bank:

The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected and found in order.

Yours truly,
ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1948.

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$6,033.52	
Cash in Hand	108.10	
Cash in Hand (Petty)	10.76	
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	382.70	
		$6,535.08
Inventories:		
Supplies and Stock (Valued at)		1.00
Investment:		
Dominion of Canada Bonds, 1966—3% (Par Value $10,000.00)		10,500.00
Equipment:		
Furniture and Fixtures Regalia Library and Fixtures Valued at		1.00
		$17,037.08

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	$17,037.08

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1948, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1948.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 19th, 1948.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1948.

INCOME

Dues	$17,189.75
Initiations	1,766.00
M.M. Certificates	1,679.00
P.M. Certificates	70.00
L.M. Certificates	92.00
Dispensations	56.00
Bond Interest	239.18
Total Income	$21,091.93

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	$6,244.37	
Rent	1,200.00	
Postage and Stamp Tax	375.52	
Stationery and Office Supplies	729.30	
Expense Grand Master	540.35	
Expense Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers	773.88	
Area Meetings	617.05	
M.M. Certificates	106.38	
Board Members, Expense	362.25	
Library Maintenance	1,488.12	
Food Parcels to Britain	1,122.25	
Masonry in Manitoba (Paper)	1,432.57	
Supplies for Sale	1,438.29	
Regalia, Grand Master	242.47	
Regalia, Cleaning	154.36	
Masonic Research and Education	24.15	
Unemployment Insurance	38.16	
Exchange	30.90	
Miscellaneous (Schedule "2")	4,065.14	
Total Expenditure		20,985.51
Net Income for Year		$ 106.42
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947	$17,230.66	
Deduct:		
Rent Adjustment	300.00	
		16,930.66
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947		$17,037.08

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1948

		Amount	
No.	Name of Lodge	Dr.	Cr.
2.	Lisgar	$ 19.60	
3.	Ancient Landmark	18.00	
6.	Emerson	8.70	
10.	Northern Light	.65	
15.	Corinthian		1.00
19.	Brandon	18.30	
30.	Manitou	16.00	
36.	Doric	16.75	
39.	Birtle	5.25	
44.	Oak Lake	6.15	
48.	Glenboro	1.40	
49.	Temple	.75	
50.	Killarney	8.65	
52.	Hartney	7.15	
55.	East Star		2.00
63.	Holland	8.80	
67.	Wawanesa	3.90	
68.	Vermillion	13.05	
71.	Crystal		2.00
74.	Elkhorn	2.60	
82.	Cypress	2.65	
84.	Hamiota	14.55	
86.	Elgin	1.00	
87.	Rathwell	5.40	
90.	Midlothian	1.00	
92.	Shoal Lake	1.20	
93.	King Edward	26.45	
100.	Robbie Burns	2.50	
101.	Binscarth	2.20	
104.	Reston	7.80	
105.	Prince Arthur	26.55	
108.	Union		.40
109.	Swan Lake		2.25
115.	Rivers	7.80	
116.	St. Andrew's	.90	
117.	Strathcona	2.00	
123.	Transcona	2.95	
124.	The Pas	9.05	
126.	Favel	1.00	
132.	Sprague		1.50
133.	McCreary	1.00	
134.	Stony Mountain	11.40	
136.	Capital	21.95	
137.	Lord Selkirk	20.80	
	Forward	$325.85	$ 9.15

Schedule "1"

As at March 31st, 1948

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Amount Cr.
	Forward	$325.85	$ 9.15
138.	Windsor	12.55	
139.	Beaver	4.00	
141.	Tuscan	.20	
145.	Sturgeon Creek	18.10	
147.	Jubilee	3.90	
151.	The Dormer	9.20	
152.	Foxwarren	6.75	
154.	Pine Falls	1.00	
155.	Carman		5.80
U.D.	Newdale	16.10	
		$397.65	$ 14.95
		14.95	
		$382.70	

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1948

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	$ 765.42
Grand Lodge Communication	1,042.34
Audit	200.00
Telephone and Telegraph	125.61
Travelling (Banff Conference)	262.42
Travelling (All Canada Conference)	240.17
Flowers	62.85
Christmas Expense	96.16
Chairs (Board Room)	564.00
Masonic Relief Association	55.66
Warning Circulars	17.28
List of Lodges	19.30
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Typewriter Inspection, etc.	26.65
Fenwick U.D. (Travelling)	39.50
Newdale U.D. (Travelling)	99.15
Rice Lake U.D. (Travelling)	290.00
List of Officers and Committees	27.81
Miscellaneous	115.82
	$4,065.14

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st, 1948

ASSETS

	Par Value			
Current:				
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce				$ 3,576.65
Investments:				
Mortgage Loan			$ 6,800.00	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 49,000.00	$ 49,000.00		
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00	11,000.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	207,000.00	207,966.25		
Canadian National Railway Bonds	18,000.00	18,162.50		
Greater Winnipeg Water District	1,000.00	1,000.00		
			287,128.75	
War Saving Certificates			480.00	
				294,408.75
				$297,985.40

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "D")	$297,985.40
	$297,985.40

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1948, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1948.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 19th, 1948.

Exhibit "D"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1948

INCOME

Donations Lodges		$ 866.13
Life Members Fees		445.00
Profit on Sale Greater Winnipeg Water District Bonds		3,825.00
Profit on Sale Dominion of Canada Bonds, 1956		343.75
		$ 5,479.88

EXPENDITURE

Transfer Tax	$4.50	
Exchange	1.55	
		6.05
Excess of Income over Expenditure		$ 5,473.83
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947		292,511.57
Surplus as at March 31st, 1948		$297,985.40

Exhibit "E"

BALANCE SHEET
BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31st, 1948

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce:			
Savings Account		$12,603.14	
Current Account		283.22	$12,886.36
Investments:			
	Par Value		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	$48,600.00		48,600.00
Interest Accrued			130.68
			$61,617.04

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "F")	$61,617.04

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1948, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

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ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 19th, 1948.

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1948

INCOME

Mortgage Interest:		
Loan No. 38	60.39	
Loan R.	$326.62	
		$ 387.01
Interest Bonds—Debentures		12,441.19
Interest Bank		25.48
		$12,853.68

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "3")	7,161.78
Excess of Income over Expenditure	5,691.90
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947	55,925.14
Surplus as at March 31st, 1948	$61,617.04

Schedule "3"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1948

No.	Name of Lodge	On Account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert	W.N.L.	$ 245.00
2.	Lisgar	Mrs. F. J.	125.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. M. Mc.	185.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	F. M. M.	305.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. F. J. B.	125.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	64.22
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	65.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. M. McF.	55.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. G. W.	20.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. F. S.	45.00
14.	Prince of Wales	H. K.	140.15
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. R. A. T.	185.15
24.	Neepawa	T. T.	305.15
25.	Ionic	Mrs. E. E. D.	45.00
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. R. A.	185.15
40.	Deloraine	T. L.	485.15
43.	Lebanon	Mrs. M. Y.	305.15
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	85.15
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. C. P. T.	65.76
70.	Shiloh	O. McC.	75.00
74.	Elkhorn	Mrs. N. Y.	305.15
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	125.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	125.15
93.	King Edward	H. M. J.	185.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. L. L. D.	155.00
100.	Robbie Burns	W. E. J. B.	195.00
103.	Crescent	Mrs. M. G.	185.15
104.	Reston	C. B. B.	30.00
112.	Ophir	Mrs. B. R. T.	50.00
113.	Tweed	Mrs. D. E. E.	40.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. McD.	125.00
123.	Transcona	Mrs. J. J.	60.00
127.	Empire	G. G. P.	255.00
131.	Kildonan	T. H. B.	305.00
131.	Kildonan	A. M. R.	245.00
134.	Stony Mountain	Mrs. M. A. P.	255.00
137.	Lord Selkirk	Mrs. G. M.	65.15
137.	Lord Selkirk	J. R.	305.00
140.	Meridian	C. S.	215.00
143.	Mt. Sinai	Mrs. F. Z.	125.00
148.	Seven Oaks	T. J. W.	125.00
153.	Flin Flon	B. H.	185.15
Miscellaneous			200.00
			$7,161.78

Exhibit "G"

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31st, 1948

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Bank		$22,496.53
Cash on Hand		118.86
Accounts Receivable		382.70
		$22,998.09
Inventory Supplies and Stock Valued at		1.00
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures, Regalia, Library and Fixtures Valued at		1.00
Investments:		
Mortgage Loan	$ 6,800.00	
Province of Manitoba Debentures Par Value $49,000.00	49,000.00	
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures Par Value $1,000.00	1,000.00	
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures Par Value $11,000.00	11,000.00	
Dominion of Canada Bonds Par Value $265,600.00	267,066.25	
Canadian National Railway Bonds Par Value $18,000.00	18,162.50	
War Saving Certificates	480.00	
		353,508.75
Interest Accrued		130.68
		$376,639.52

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$376,639.52
	$376,639.52

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1948, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1948.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Winnipeg, Man., April 19th, 1948. Chartered Accountants.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON "FOOD PARCELS TO OUR BRETHREN IN BRITAIN"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

At the Board of General Purposes Meeting of September 19th, 1947, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master presented to the Members of the Board the great need for food in Britain. He outlined a plan whereby food parcels could be forwarded to individuals in England and Scotland, whose names would be supplied by the Grand Secretaries of these two Grand Lodges. Our Grand Master requested the Board of General Purposes to sanction an appeal of this nature to the Brethren of all Craft Lodges in the Jurisdiction. The plan was unanimously approved and the Grand Master was empowered to appoint a Committee for the purpose of organizing and presenting the appeal through the Lodges to all members of the Craft. Not only did the Board of General Purposes give approval to the plan but so that it could get underway at once there was voted $1,000.00 to cover the cost of forwarding 100 parcels per month for the months of September and October.

The following Committee was appointed to organize the "Food Parcels Campaign":

R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Chairman
R.W. Bro. Geo. P. Fairbairn, Vice Chairman
M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington
R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes
V.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett

The first meeting of the Committee was held within a matter of days after their appointment. There was considered at that meeting ways and means of: (1) How to effectively organize the Jurisdiction so that Lodges and Members might realize the urgency of the appeal. (2) The most effective method of presenting the appeal and forwarding the proceeds promptly. (3) The method to be adopted in forwarding parcels.

Your Committee felt there should be District Chairmen appointed to organize and supervise the campaign. One District (Ninth Masonic District) was divided up and two District Chairmen appointed. In this way there was always one person whose duty was to organize the District or portions thereof by Lodges and to acquaint each with the detail of the Food Parcels Campaign. Each Lodge, through its Secretary, was asked to remit the money as collected to M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, the Grand Secretary.

We are greatly indebted to the following District Chairmen, who not only cheerfully but effectively organized their respective Districts:

1st Masonic District	W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	V.W. Bro. D. W. Smith,	Portage la Prairie
3rd Masonic District	V.W. Bro. F. M. Ferg	Glenboro
4th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes	Crystal City
5th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Geo, V. Henderson,	Strathclair
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran	Souris
7th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky	Morris
9th Masonic District	R.W.Bro. John Livesey W. Bro. A. J. Webb	Swan River Grandview
10th Masonic District	V.W. Bro. John Norquay,	East Kildonan
12th Masonic District	W. Bro. Thos. Gilchrist	Winnipeg

There were several methods used to acquaint the members with the purpose and appeal for this worthwhile cause. "Masonry in Manitoba" carried excellent articles on the campaign. The District Chairman personally directed the appeal to each Lodge and usually an organization within the Lodge carried out a personal canvass. Non-Resident Members accepted, in many cases, the challenge to this great work through the medium of the excellent presentation in the Lodge Notices.

The response was, in almost every instance, generous and wholehearted. The manner in which donations started to roll in after the first few weeks indicated how well the appeal had been received by the members of the Constituent Lodges.

The plan which was adopted in forwarding the parcels postpaid to an individual was to have all names of recipients furnished by the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. When made up for shipment each parcel contained the name of a Lodge Secretary of one of our Constituent Lodges as the donor, taken in rotation. Many acknowledgements of thanks from recipients have already been received and each Lodge has its quota of grateful letters. These express thanks and wonderment for the unexpected parcel of good things to eat.

Your Committee wishes to express its thanks and gratitude for the response of the many Brethren throughout Manitoba. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba we also wish to express our appreciation to those individuals and organizations not associated with Craft Freemasonry who felt that here was a worthwhile opportunity to help those less fortunate. Contributions have been received from groups beyond our boundary to the South. If we have in some measure contributed of our plenty to bolster up the spirit, courage and faith of our Brethren across the seas, we have been amply repaid, and we are glad that every contributor has had a share in the success of this effort.

Contributions are still being received and parcels are going forward monthly at the rate of 300 per month, at a cost of $4.60 each. They will continue to be forwarded as long as contributions come in. As of May 15th, 1948, 1,675 parcels had been forwarded and there had been received in contributions the sum of $25,106.79. This does not include the original grant from the Grand Lodge. All administration costs have been borne by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Appended hereto is a list of all contributions received by Lodges and Districts up to and including May 15th, 1948.

W. C. McDONALD,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70) who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4). Carried.

FOOD PARCELS

Statement of Receipts as at May 15th, 1948, by Masonic Districts

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

No.	Name of Lodge	Total Received	
1	Prince Rupert's	$1,849.50	
3	Ancient Landmark	558.70	
4	St. John's	990.40	
10	Northern Light	369.50	
25	Ionic	1,802.50	
93	King Edward	695.50	
111	Acacia	259.00	
114	"The Assiniboine"	630.00	
119	Norwood	486.00	
121	St. James	504.00	
127	Empire	100.00	
			$8,245.10

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

No.	Name of Lodge	Total Received	
7	Assiniboine	475.50	
11	Gladstone	145.00	

No.	Name of Lodge	Total Received	
24	Neepawa	215.00	
29	Carberry	110.00	
49	Temple	216.50	
75	Gothic	113.00	
108	Union	136.00	
116	St. Andrew's	65.00	
133	McCreary	34.00	
			$1,510.00

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

48	Glenboro	106.00	
51	Treherne	141.00	
63	Holland	136.00	
67	Wawanesa	102.00	
82	Cypress	50.00	
87	Rathwell	75.00	
103	Crescent	241.00	
109	Swan Lake	54.00	
117	Strathcona	7.00	
			$912.00

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

13	Morden	$155.00	
30	Manitou	175.00	
36	Doric		
50	Killarney		
71	Crystal	224.50	
118	Mound	69.00	
150	Cartwright	97.00	
			$720.50

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

14	Prince of Wales	188.00	
15	Corinthian	50.00	
39	Birtle	103.00	
62	Russell	93.00	
84	Hamiota	140.00	
92	Shoal Lake	116.00	
101	Binscarth	79.00	
102	Miniota	124.00	
106	Strathclair	134.50	
115	Rivers	68.00	
142	Harmony	66.15	
152	Foxwarren	48.50	
U.D.	Newdale		
			$1,210.15

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

No.	Name of Lodge	Total Received	
27	Glenwood	344.50	
40	Deloraine	87.25	
52	Hartney	212.00	
54	Oriental	364.50	
77	Napinka	129.50	
86	Elgin	252.00	
104	Reston	535.00	
110	Kilwinning	123.00	
			$2,047.75

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

19	Brandon	$325.00	
43	Lebanon	300.00	
44	Oak Lake	105.00	
74	Elkhorn	47.00	
107	Lansdowne	161.00	
113	Tweed	250.50	
U.D.	Fenwick	137.00	
64	Composite	199.00	
			$1,524.50

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

6	Emerson	142.00	
8	King Solomon	170.00	
55	East Star	65.00	
70	Shiloh	117.75	
90	Midlothian	89.00	
120	Penza	120.00	
132	Sprague	10.00	
155	Carman	237.00	
125	Patricia	130.00	
			$1,080.75

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

68	Vermillion	71.00	
94	Hiram	74.31	
100	Robbie Burns	138.31	
105	Prince Arthur	100.00	
122	Roblin	117.00	
126	Favel	68.00	
128	Victory	145.00	
147	Jubilee	100.00	
			$813.62

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

No.	Name of Lodge	Total Received	
2	Lisgar	$114.00	
12	Stonewall	207.50	
112	Ophir	69.00	
123	Transcona	201.50	
131	Kildonan	131.00	
134	Stony Mountain	175.00	
148	Seven Oaks	44.00	
151	The Dormer	80.00	
154	Pine Falls	84.00	
156	Manitouwapa	356.00	
			$1,462.00

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

No.	Name of Lodge	Total Received	
130	Fort Garry	488.00	
136	Capitol	257.00	
137	Lord Selkirk	229.00	
138	Windsor	500.00	
139	Beaver	223.00	
140	Meridian	413.50	
141	Tuscan	89.00	
143	Mt. Sinai	876.00	
144	Fort Osborne	237.00	
145	Sturgeon Creek	208.00	
146	Fidelity	277.02	
			$3,797.52

UNDER THE GRAND MASTER

No.	Name of Lodge	Total Received	
124	The Pas	132.00	
153	Flin Flon	169.00	
U.D.	Rice Lake	61.00	
	Anonymous (H.C.)	.50	
			$362.50

MISCELLANEOUS

No.	Name of Lodge	Total Received	
44	Club	$260.40	
	Langdon	30.00	
	Euclid (U.S.A.)	25.00	
	Robert Brown	5.00	
	Keystone Chapter	100.00	
			$160.00
	Brandon Lodge of Perfection	$1,000.00	
			$1,000.00
	Grand Total		$25,106.79

3 Lodges have not yet made any contribution:

Doric, No. 36.
Killarney, No. 50.
Newdale, U.D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE ON REVIEWS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally submits its annual report dealing with the annual proceedings of those Masonic Jurisdictions which are in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Everywhere Masonry continues to grow, and no doubt this condition will continue so long as we enjoy prosperous times, but we wonder what will happen when a period of depression comes, and many Jurisdictions are now giving more attention to the subject of Masonic education than any other and justly so.

Several Grand Masters looked askance at the solicitation of Masons in and around Lodge meetings to petition for the so-called higher degrees, and we are of the opinion that it would be of benefit to Masonry if the officers of the various controlling Bodies could get together frequently during the year for a free interchange of thought concerning matters which affect the welfare of all.

It is to be hoped that our brethren who have access to our Proceedings will read the report in full; it will help them to a fuller understanding and a better appreciation of what Masonry meant in the past and what it means now to ourselves, our country and to the ideals of liberty everywhere.

Fraternally submitted,
H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence, begs to submit herewith its Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 1948.

The Committee join, with the Brethren throughout the Jurisdiction, in expressing a deep sense of sorrow in the death of a faithful and devoted member, Most Worshipful Brother Harry Woods, who did a great amount of effective work in the cause of Benevolence over the years. When personal investigation and the interviewing of certain beneficiaries were necessary, our late Brother had that kindly approach and sympathetic nature that is so essential in making enquiries of an intimate character. He did his work with a Master's touch, and we shall miss him at our meetings.

For more than thirty years this Committee has been the medium by and through which the Benevolence of Grand Lodge has been administered.

If we presented a composite picture of our work since the fund was inaugurated then in the aggregate there would appear a remarkable demonstration of what has been accomplished in the name of Brotherly Love. However, the Brethren of our Masonic Craft do not express what is done as a Fraternal duty by ostentatious display, consequently our report herein consists of the operation of the fund for the year that has ended.

Twelve months ago we reported having thirty-four beneficiaries under our charge. In the intervening period two have been removed by death and six were discontinued because they were in receipt of other income, and our grants not required. In the same period eleven new beneficiaries have been added to our list, and when the books were closed on the 31st of March, we had thirty-seven receiving assistance from your Benevolent Fund.

Following the usual custom each of our beneficiaries was sent a cheque for $5.00 at Christmas along with an appropriate greeting card.

Our total disbursement for the year amounted to $7,161.78, which exceeds the amount spent during the previous year by $606.07.

There has been no organized effort to augment our funds for several years, nevertheless, the spirit of Brotherly Love continues to be exemplified in many sections of the Jurisdiction. In this connection, we record with pleasure free-will contributions to the Benevolent Endowment Fund as listed hereunder:

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1	$130.14
Morden Lodge No. 13	25.00
Manitou Lodge No. 30	50.00
Oriental Lodge No. 54	25.00
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	30.00
Ophir Lodge No. 112	25.00
Tweed Lodge No. 113	127.50
Patricia Lodge No. 125	10.00
Windsor Lodge No. 138	50.00
Fifth Masonic District	45.49
V.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141)	25.00
Bro. Ivan Amos (43)	14.00
W. Bro. B. Goldenburg (107)	10.00
Bro. Thos. Gibson (4)	10.00
Bro. F. A. France (43)	3.00
Bro. A. A. Magaffen (43)	2.00
	$582.13

These contributions are added to our Benevolent Endowment Fund. The interest derived therefrom will be used to help, aid and assist the needy, and the money now acknowledged will be earning interest for this purpose long after the donors have passed to the Great Beyond. We take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks for the gifts.

We should at all times realize that the benevolence extended by Grand Lodge is a band of love connecting the indigent, the widow and the orphan with those who by solemn vow pledge themselves before our Sacred Altar to give comfort to the less fortunate. The lesson given at the N. E. corner means more than the giving of alms—it means Love.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN T. BOYD,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93). Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly made announcements regarding the reception of the Distinguished Guests, and also in connection with the reception of the Grand Representatives.

GREETINGS

M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), presented greetings from R.W. Bro. William Cairns of Temple Lodge No. 49 at MacGregor, now in his 95th year and who for years has been in regular attendance at the Annual Communication.

R.W. Bro. Cairns has lived forty seven years in each of two centuries, and the burden of the years makes it impossible for his attendance this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The M.W. the Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 4.30 p.m. to reconvene at 8.00 p.m. for the Evening Session.

Evening Session

Wednesday, June 2nd, 1948.

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, and the Past Grand Masters entered the Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him."

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Bingham Donnelly, at 8.00 o'clock p.m.

The Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman was then directed to retire and escort our Distinguished Visitors, together with their sponsors, into Grand Lodge:

Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario).

M.W. Bro. William J. Dunlop, P.G.M.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. George R. Calvert, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

M.W. Bro. J. B. Tomhave, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. F. W. Matson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. L. H. Colson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. W. P. Sturtz, P.G.M.
V.W. Bro. W. B. Congdon, J.G.W.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:

M.W. Bro. Verne Wells, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. H. W. Gill, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. C. M. Pollock, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. John Stormon, P.G.M.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota:
M.W. Bro. R. R. Twamley, Grand Master.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:
M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Grand Master.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. Sam. Burland, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:
M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, I.P.G.M.

Grand Lodge gave Grand Honors to our Distinguished Guests under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies; The Grand Master then, in a few well chosen remarks extended a very warm greeting to our Distinguished Visitors and requested the Most Worshipful Brethren who introduced them to conduct them to seats in the Grand East.

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Bearers were escorted into the Grand Lodge by the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman, and after the flags were presented, in a dignified and impressive ceremony, the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms, offered prayer, and the flags were placed in the Grand East. R.W. Bro. Capt. David MacKay (140), of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Union Jack; Bro. Capt. Sam. Gee (140), of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Stars and Stripes.

The brethren sang one verse each of
"God Save the King"
and
"The Star Spangled Banner."

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS NEAR THIS GRAND LODGE

The M.W. the Grand Master, requested the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire, and escort the Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions into Grand Lodge.

The following were introduced by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman and presented greetings, which were acknowledged by the Grand Master. The several brethren were requested to write the respective Grand Lodges, reciprocating the cordial greetings conveyed by them and extending best wishes of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Alabama	W. Bro. Bernard Warkentin
Alberta	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Alpine (Switzerland)	V.W. Bro. Wm. C. Birt
Arkansas	V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
Chili	M.W. Bro. N. J. Black
Colorado	R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
Connecticut	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Denmark	M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
District of Columbia	R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon
Ecuador	V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
England	M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Major
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. Chas. Midwinter
Georgia	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Idaho	V.W. Bro. D. A. Best
Illinois	R.W. Bro. Wm. R. Leslie
Indiana	V.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Ireland	M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole
Maryland	R.W. Bro. D. Ferguson
Mexico	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
Mississippi	M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey
Nebraska	R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie
Nevada	R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington
New Brunswick	M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert
New Hampshire	M.W. Bro. George Hunter
New Jersey	V.W. Bro. Wm. G. Corbett
New Mexico	M.W. Bro. H.. B. Donnelly

New Zealand	M.W. Bro. Sam. Burland
North Carolina	R.W. Bro. Robert Peel
Norway	R.W. Bro. J. P. McKinnon
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
Oregon	M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
Philippine Islands	R.W. Bro. John Livesey
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Rhode Island	R.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Santo Domingo	R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Shaw
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Carolina	R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
Tasmania	V.W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth
Texas	V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick
Vermont	R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie
Washington	R.W. Bro. G. R. MacKay
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. David Griffith

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, acknowledged the greetings of the M.W. Grand Master on behalf of the group.

The M.W. Grand Master in rising to address the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was warmly greeted by the brethren. With the Deputy Grand Master presiding, the Grand Master delivered a thoughtful address reviewing the many activities of the past year in an interesting resume.

THE ADDRESS OF M.W. BRO. HARRY B. DONNELLY, GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

We gather at this Seventy-third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to review the activities of the past year; to discover where we have succeeded and where we have failed, and out of that review, to plan with greater insight and devotion for the future. I therefore welcome you to this

Communication, and urge your close attention to all matters presented for your consideration.

Throughout the year I have been deeply conscious of the honor of serving as the official head of this Grand Lodge. No man can adequately measure up to that position. He can only, as far as his strength and abilities allow, sincerely try to face the responsibilities of the Office. My task now is almost finished, and on the eve of giving up the honor, which in your generosity you granted to me, I bring to you a brief record of my activities for the past year.

NECROLOGY

Our first thoughts, as we gather here, are sad ones, for we meet under a deep sense of loss. Three active and well-loved Officers of our Grand Lodge have been called home during the past few months.

On March 13th, V.W. Bro. Joseph J. Lyon, our Grand Organist, died suddenly. His gift of music, which he used so unselfishly, was an inspiration at Lodge meetings and at our Grand Lodge Communications. There, the buoyancy of his own faith lifted us into the spirit of praise and worship. His Freemasonry was real to him.

On April 17th, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods fell on sleep after an illness of some months. As a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and as Librarian since 1939, he brought to us a wide knowledge of Freemasonry, and a quiet sincerity in living out the principles of our Order. These have strengthened the faith of many brethren, and made them better Freemasons. Our Grand Lodge in infinitely richer in Masonic spirit through his service and influence.

On the following day, the final summons came unexpectedly to our Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess. Only those who were associated with him understand fully with what devotion he served this Grand Lodge. He asked for no recognition or reward, but it was given to him in fullest measure through the affection and trust of his brethren. He also served Freemasonry because he loved it.

We mourn also the passing of M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller, one of our Past Grand Masters. He too, before advancing age brought retirement from active work, rendered valuable service to this Grand Lodge and to his community.

Word has lately been received, of the death of M.W. Bro. James Scroggie, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge just forty years ago, 1907-1908.

We record with deep regret the loss sustained through death by our Sister Grand Lodges:

July 3rd, 1947—M.W. Bro. Anders Jacobsen, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

July 6th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Charles F. Lamb, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

September 28th, 1947,—M.W. Bro. James McGregor, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

October 14th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Jesse C. Clark, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Florida.

October 18th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Albert J. Young, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

October 21st, 1947—M.W. Bro. Walton G. Grayson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississipi.

October 25th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Nathaniel B. Williams, P.G.M,. Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

November 2nd, 1947—M.W. Bro. Thos. B. Bohon, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Indiana.

November 6th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Winthrop Buck, P.G. M., Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

November 14th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Harlon L. Hart, P.G. M., Grand Lodge of Montana.

November 29th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Bond, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

December 1st, 1947—M.W. Bro. Mark I. Forkner, P.G. M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Honorary Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

December 3rd, 1947—M.W. Bro. James B. Littlefield, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

December 7th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Louis R. Scott, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Idaho.

December 9th, 1947—M.W. Bro. James H. Johnson, P. G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississipi.

December 13th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Earle Stewart, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Ohio.

December 15th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Sargent, P.G. M., Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

December 17th, 1947—M.W. Bro. Chas. D. Boyce, P.G. M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

December 22nd, 1947—R.W. Bro. Paul-Frederic Bauen, Chancellor, Grand Lodge Suisse Alpina.

January 9th, 1948— M.W. Bro. Terrell G. Williams, P. G.M., Grand Lodge of Texas.

January 14th, 1948—M.W. Bro. James J. Jewett, P.G. M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

January 19th, 1948—M.W. Bro. Clarence Hill, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

February 1st, 1948—M.W. Bro. Chas. M. Kingston, P. G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

February 2nd, 1948—R.W. Bro. Chas. E. George, P.S. G.W., Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

February 2nd, 1948—W. Bro. Douglas Gordon McIllwraith, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada, A.A.S.R., Ontario.

March 3rd, 1948—M.W. Bro. Samuel J. Blair, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

April 6th, 1948—M.W. Bro. William Tinsley, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Illinois.

April 13th, 1948—M.W. Bro. William O. Wilson, P.G. M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

April 19th, 1948—M.W. Bro. Harold R. Amens, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

April 19th, 1948—M.W. Bro. Edward T. Gross, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Appropriate reference to these and to the 228 members of this Grand Lodge who died during the past year will be made in the Report on the Fraternal Dead. Now for a moment we bow in sorrow and in submission to the will of the Great Creator, who giveth and who taketh away. "And his servants shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads, and there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever."

Let us pay a moment of silent tribute to our departed brethren.

VISITATIONS

The official visits of the Grand Master form an important, yet pleasant part of his duties. I was able to visit presonally two of our Canadian Grand Lodge Communications. In company with the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, at Regina, on June 18th and 19th. We were most cordially received, and were honored by being made Honorary Past Grand Master and Honorary Past Deputy Grand Master respectively, of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

On July 16th and 17th, the Grand Secretary and I were present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at Toronto. Here too, we were shown every courtesy, and were made thoroughly welcome.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I was represented by R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald and the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary was also my personal representative at the Communications of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Greatly to my regret I was not able to take time for these visits.

I believe that the experience gained in visiting Sister Grand Lodges and observing their work, and in making contacts with brethren from other Jurisdictions, is most valuable to any Grand Master. It gives him a better conception of the scope of Freemasonry and of the tasks that confront it.

Owing to the fact that the Banff Conference took place at the beginning of the school term, I was not able to be present. The Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington took my place and read my paper at the Conference. From reports I have received, the papers and discussions at this gathering of representatives of the four Western Jurisdictions, proved most helpful to all who were present.

The eleven District Meetings, all of which I attended, in most cases showed careful planning on the part of the District Deputy Grand Masters. There is still a tendency, referred to by previous Grand Masters, for the District Officers to depend too much on the Grand Lodge Officers to carry the programme. Constant emphasis on the responsibility of the District Deputy Grand Master is necessary to overcome completely this weakness at some District Meetings.

Area Meetings were arranged at Souris, Pilot Mound, and Gladstone. The host Lodge at each place provided the officers to preside at the meeting. The meetings were well supported by the brethren in the areas surrounding these centres. In each place a banquet was provided at 6.00 o'clock with the host Lodge providing the programme. For the meeting in the lodge room at 8.00 o'clock the Committee on Research and Education provided the programme. At Souris and Pilot Mound a Panel Discussion was held on "What the Entered Apprentice Wants to Know." This was followed by a discussion period and the address of the Grand Master. At Gladstone instead of the Panel Discussion, the '44 Club presented their play "The Rose Upon the Altar."

I should like to say, in passing, how much we owe to the brethren of the '44 Club for their untiring and generous efforts during the past season, in presenting this play under the direction of R.W. Bro. Harry Gray. Many brethren both in the City and throughout the province have had the opportunity of profiting by the fine message this play brings.

I have, fortunately, been able to accept all invitations to visit officially our constituent lodges, not only in the city, but in various parts of the Province. I have also attended a good number of social and special functions.

I wish to record my appreciation of the warm and sincere welcome extended to the Grand Master on every occasion. There is evident a deep loyalty to the Fraternity, and the reception given to the Grand Master is an expression of that loyalty. I would make particular reference to my visits to the Lodges at Flin Flon and The Pas, which are under the personal supervision of the Grand Master. There the warmth of brotherhood and goodwill is outstanding. No one can visit these Lodges without coming away cheered and encouraged by their evidence of real Masonic spirit. Though cut off from contacts with other Lodges, they are doing work that is not surpassed by any other Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

Of particular interest have been the Lodge Anniversary Celebrations which I have been privileged to attend. It has been a source of deep satisfaction to be able to join with my brethren in honoring the work of Freemasons of a past generation, who, through devotion to the Order, established Lodges which are still carrying on the ancient traditions. There were a number of 25th Anniversaries, one 50th Anniversary at Wawanesa Lodge No. 67 and one 75th Anniversary at Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 in Winnipeg. As your Grand Master, I was glad to extend greetings and good wishes to all these Lodges on your behalf.

The following are the visits I have made during my year of Office:

OFFICIAL VISITS

1947

June 18-19—Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald.

June 18-19—Represented at the Grand Lodge of North Dakota by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

July 3—Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

July 5—Bissett, Instituted Rice Lake Lodge.

July 9—Wawanesa Lodge No. 67, Fiftieth Anniversary.

July 10—Reston Lodge No. 104.

July 11—Oak Lake Lodge No. 44.

July 16-17—Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, at Toronto, accompanied by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

July 23—Lansdowne Lodge No. 107.

July 24—Meeting of Third Masonic District at Glenboro.

August 6—Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134, 25th Anniversary.

August 8—Meeting of Fifth Masonic District at Minnedosa.

August 15—Guest at Luncheon to visiting Shriners, Royal Alexandra Hotel.

August 16—Took part in laying Corner Stone of Shriners' Children's Hospital.

August 18—Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156, Moosehorn.

August 26—Elkhorn Lodge No. 74.

September 8—Meeting of Ninth Masonic District, Swan River.

September 9—Flin Flon Lodge No. 153.

September 11—The Pas Lodge No. 124.

September 19—Meeting of District Deputy Grand Masters at Winnipeg.

September 27—Beaver Lodge No. 139.

September 30—Meeting of Tenth Masonic District, Winnipeg.

October 1—Meeting of Third Masonic District at Austin.

October 2—Meeting of Fourth Masonic District, Manitou.

October 8—Meeting of Sixth Masonic District, Melita.

October 9—Meeting of Seventh Masonic District, Virden.

October 10—Meridian Lodge No. 140, 25th Anniversary.

October 16—Represented by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald at opening of new Temple by McCreary Lodge No. 133.

October 20—Windsor Lodge No. 138.

October 22—Eighth Masonic District, Dominion City.

October 24—Institution of Fenwick Lodge at Brandon.

October 28—Meeting of First Masonic District, Winnipeg.

November 4—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, Canadian Night. Gave address on "Canada."

November 26—Ionic Lodge No. 25 "At Home."

November 27—St. John's Lodge No. 4, "At Home."

December 2—The Dormer Lodge No. 151, 21st Anniversary.

December 4—Institution of Newdale Lodge at Newdale.

December 8—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, 75th Anniversary.

December 9—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, "At Home."

December 29—Past Masters' Association, Annual Meeting.

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January 8—Norwood Lodge No. 119.

January 21-22—Represented at the Grand Lodge of Minnesota by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

January 31—Meeting of Twelfth Masonic District, Winnipeg.

February 6—Scottish Rite Banquet.

February 10—First Principals' Dinner, R.A.M.

February 11—Annual Convocation, R.A.M., Winnipeg.

March 10—Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.

March 16—Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

March 17—King Edward Lodge No. 93, gave the address on "Ireland."

March 19—Fidelity Lodge No. 146.

March 25—Addressed Brandon "Bethesda Chapter Rose Croix."

March 31—Twelfth Masonic District, ''Ladies' Night.''

April 2—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, "Ladies' Night."

April 13—Brandon Lodge No. 19.

April 14—King Edward Lodge No. 93, "Ladies' Night."

April 18—Twelfth Masonic District, Church Service.

April 19—Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137, "Ladies' Night."

April 21—St. John's Lodge No. 4.

April 22—Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143, 25th Anniversary.

May 5—Area Meeting, Souris.

May 13—Area Meeting, Pilot Mound.

May 14—Tuscan Lodge No. 141, 25th Anniversary.

May 15—Rice Lake Lodge U.D., Bissett.

May 16—Members of Rice Lake Lodge U.D. attended Divine Service. Delivered the Address.

May 19—Area Meeting, Gladstone.

May 25—Penza Lodge No. 120, Dominion City.

May 25—Represented at joint meeting at International Peace Gardens by R.W. Bro. N. M. Kerr.

June 1—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

At a number of these visits it was a most pleasant duty to present Fifty-year Jewels to a number of our Brethren who have given long and faithful service to Freemasonry. To have had active lodge membership for fifty years, and through that time to have borne witness to the value of our teachings, is worthy of all honor. I am certain that the recipients of these jewels will look upon them with much pride, as a symbol of our gratitude and affection.

I am indebted to a number of brethren who presented medals on my behalf where I was not able to be present. The following received Fifty-year Jewels during the past year:

LIST OF FIFTY YEAR JEWELS PRESENTED

R.W. Bro. Wm. T. Speed, Temple Lodge No. 49, preented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master, at Austin, on October 1st, 1947.

Bro. Samuel Hicks, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, presented by M.W. Bro. K. K. Reid of B.C., at a meeting of Union Lodge No. 9, New Westminster B.C., October 22nd, 1947.

Bro. Arthur Rose, Glenwood Lodge No. 27, presented by R.W. Bro. H. L. Morrow, D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District, at Souris on October 24th, 1947.

Bro. Ole Wickstrom, Glenwood Lodge No. 27, presented by R.W. Bro. H. L. Morrow, D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District, at Souris on October 24th, 1947.

Bro. Andrew B. Rannard, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master, at the meeting of the first Masonic District, Winnipeg, on October 28th, 1947.

R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Barclay, Glenwood Lodge No. 27, presented by R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran, at an Emergent meeting of Duke of Connaught Lodge No. 64, North Vancouver, B.C., on March 16th, 1948.

V.W. Bro. Frederick E. Wenman, Glenwood Lodge No. 27, presented by R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran, at Victoria, B.C., on March 18th, 1948.

Bro. Arthur E. Rowland, Zetland Lodge No. 326, G.R.C., affiliated with "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, presented by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand

Secretary, at "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, December 2nd, 1947.

Bro. James A. Brandon, Glenwood Lodge No. 27, presented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master, at Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, March 16th, 1948.

R.W. Bro. John G. Louis L. M. Armit, Foxwarren Lodge Lodge No. 152, presented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, on June 2nd, 1948.

R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Pollock, Neepawa Lodge No. 24, presented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, on June 2nd, 1948.

V.W. Bro. John T. Bragg, St. John's Lodge No. 4, presented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on June 2nd, 1948.

It was my pleasant duty during my term of office, to preside at the Institution of three new Lodges.

The first Institution was perhaps the most unique. For the first time in our Grand Lodge history, a group of Grand Lodge Officers travelled by air for a Special Communication of Grand Lodge. This was the occasion of the Institution of Rice Lake Lodge, at Bissett, on July 5th, 1947. A party of ten in a chartered plane flew from Lac du Bonnet to Rice Lake. I may add that this was an entirely new experience for seven out of the ten. We were most cordially received and were shown every possible courtesy. Here a group of enthusiastic brethren, wishing to establish Freemasonry in this outlying part, were formed into a Lodge. This Lodge will, I am certain exert a fine influence in its community, and will provide wholesome fellowship for those who appreciate and understand the privileges of Freemasonry.

Rice Lake Lodge is not placed in any Masonic District, but is under the supervision of the Grand Master. Consequently, in company with the Grand Secretary, I paid another visit by air on May 15th. We found the Lodge making definite progress, doing its work well, and maintaining high standards. I have reported to the Board on the condition of this Lodge, and have recommended that a Charter be granted to Rice Lake Lodge.

On October 24th, Fenwick Lodge was Instituted at Brandon. The name of this Lodge is a fitting tribute to a Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, who was beloved by all his brethren. This Lodge, with M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan as Master, is made up of a large group of interested brethren. I am confident that it will fully justify all our hopes for it.

Newdale Lodge, at the town of that name, was Instituted on December 4th. The number of Charter members was not large, but there appeared to be good prospects for a healthy Lodge in this Community. I understand that it has made satisfactory progress. Newdale Lodge has been aided by hearty support from brethren in neighboring towns.

At these latter Institutions I was accompanied by practically a full attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, as well as several Past Grand Masters. This support was most encouraging, both to the Grand Master and to the brethren of the new Lodges.

FOOD PARCELS FOR OUR BRETHREN IN BRITAIN

When the Grand Secretary and I visited the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario last July, we learned that they were inaugurating a plan to send food parcels to members of the Craft in Great Britain. We were much impressed with this project, so at the meeting of the Board of General Purposes in September, I suggested that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba undertake the task of helping our Brethren in England and Scotland, who are passing through such difficult times, by sending food parcels to individual members of Lodges there. The Board unanimously approved the plan, and granted $1,000.00 to begin the work immediately. On their instructions, I selected a Committee to carry on the work. R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master, was appointed Chairman. This Committee organized the whole Grand Jurisdiction so that each member of every Lodge would have an opportunity to contribute.

The response has been most encouraging. To date, besides the $1,000.00 granted by Grand Lodge, a sum of over $25,000.00 has been subscribed by the brethren. A full report will be given by the Chairman of the Food Parcels Committee.

I wish, however, to express my thanks to all who have made this result possible; to R.W. Bro. McDonald and his Committee, and to all the District and Group Captains, and the workers in the constituent Lodges. Especially I would commend the efficient and enthusiastic work of the Grand Secretary, on whom has fallen the heaviest task in carrying out the plan.

The hearty support given by the brethren brings to me a feeling of pride in our Freemasonry. It is evidence that our members are eager to give tangible expression to the principles learned in our ceremonies. More than that, the many letters of appreciation from recipients of these parcels, brings to us the satisfaction of knowing that we are giving encouragement to those who suffer now because of their heroic sacrifices for us.

Again it is necessary to draw attention of Masters and Officers to the need for strict observance of the Constitution. You elect a Grand Master to rule the Craft. In doing this you expect that he will be vigilant to see that nothing is done that in any way weakens the influence of Freemasonry. Our regulations have been evolved out of long experience, and have been established by the considered judgment of this Grand Lodge. Therefore, any Grand Master who permits violations of these regulations and Masonic Traditions, is failing in his responsibility.

On several occasions the attention of Lodges has been called to breaches of the Constitution and established usage. One Lodge, failing to elect its officers at the regular meeting in November, held the election in December without obtaining a Dispensation though informed that it must obtain one. I declared the election void, and refused to allow another election to be held until the officers had been summoned and the matter thoroughly discussed. This was done, and the officers admitted their error and expressed a desire to conform to all regulations. A Dispensation was then granted to proceed with the election.

Two Lodges sent out notices for Emergent Meetings to be held on Sunday, one for the Installation of Officers and the other for conferring Degrees. While nothing in the Constitution expressly forbids this, I felt that it was not good Masonic practice. When the first Lodge was advised of this decision, it immediately changed its plans. The second, though informed of my ruling, proceeded with the Initiations. When this became known, the Lodge was informed that these Initiations would not be recognized, nor the names of the candidates registered. This Lodge subsequently acknowledged its error, expressed its regret and initiated the candidates regularly.

A number of revised By-Laws have been submitted for approval. These have been examined carefully, and in some cases, where it was thought expedient, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals for their judgment. In nearly every case, some sections contrary to the Constitution were discovered, and had to be corrected. Such infractions are not, of course, made deliberately, but occur simply through a lack of knowledge of the provisions of the Constitution. I cannot too strongly urge, particularly upon Lodge Officers, the need for a constant study of our Constitution. An understanding, not only of its provisions, but of its vital importance in the proper conduct of a Lodge, will help to avoid serious mistakes, and will make our Freemasonry more effective.

It has given me pleasure to appoint the following members of our Grand Lodge as Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, but as yet have received only one Commission:

Alabama—W. Bro. Ben Warkentin, Ophir Lodge No. 112. Commission received.

Kansas—W. Bro. J. V. Dillabough, Norwood Lodge No. 119.

Panama—R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms, Lebanon Lodge No. 43.

Guatemala—R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, King Solomon Lodge No. 8.

Queensland—R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.

Western Australia—V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

Prince Edward Island—R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes, Crystal Lodge No. 71.

We have all been greatly encouraged by the steady increase in our membership, which stood at 12,525 at the end of 1947, an increase of 727. In that respect our Freemasonry is flourishing. We should, however, ask ourselves if it has been flourishing in other respects. I believe that interest in the teachings of the Craft has deepened, and that men are looking to Freemasonry for some guidance in a bewildered world. There is evidence of a desire on the part of our newer members for enlightenment, for some direction, to enable them to know more accurately what this Freemasonry means. They are seeking further knowledge as to its teachings, and the interpretation of its symbols and ceremonies. A number of our Lodges are doing excellent work in the instruction of new members. But others have seriously failed in this respect, and have admitted many into membership without giving them a clear understanding of the responsibilities they are accepting. It may be lack of interest on the part of the officers I believe, however, that it is largely because these officers themselves have not a clear understanding of the significance of Freemasonry nor can they adequately interpret our ritual.

In my contacts with Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, I have found a longing for some help in providing this instruction. The Committee on Research and Education has taken some steps to meet this need, but there is yet much that can be done. True, we cannot compel officers to instruct, or the members to learn, beyond the routine words of the Degrees themselves. But we can make the means of instruction available, and give encouragement to our members to make advancement in Masonic knowledge. I strongly recommend, therefore, that a definite plan of instruction be drawn up and sent to all Lodges, and that the District Deputy Grand Masters be asked to urge the use of this plan, to observe if it is being followed, and report to the Committee on Research and Education as to its effectiveness.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Looking back over the past year, I realize more clearly than ever, how much the Grand Master must depend on the loyal assistance of others. It is the hope of every Grand Master that he may be able to make some contribution to Freemasonry in his own Jurisdiction. What I have done, however inadequate and far short of my hopes, has been offered in sincerity. I make no claims to any great achievement.

But that which will remain for me as a most precious memory is the kindness and thoughtfulness of so many. The Grand Lodge Officers have been most loyal in support of the Grand Master, often travelling long distances to attend Lodges where he was visiting. Without that support and encouragement I would have found the work a much heavier burden.

The generosity of officers and brethren in every part of the Province has been shown in innumerable ways. Transportation has been provided, arrangements have been made for the comfort and convenience of the Grand Master, and the way has been smoothed for him in carrying out his duties. To all these, whom I cannot begin to name, and for all the unremembered acts of kindness, I extend my deepest thanks.

One name I must mention, that of our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Pilkey. His courtesy and consideration have been unfailing; his experience and his counsel have always been at my disposal, and I have made full use of them. His enthusiasm for Freemasonry has been a strengthening influence throughout my year of office. He is serving this Grand Lodge well.

The close of one year brings at once thoughts of the year to come, and constrains us to give careful thought to the place and value of our Freemasonry. We are here tonight because we believe in it, and are convinced that it has a value for us; that something in it will influence us to better living. We have come to this Grand Communication, not that we may merely admire our Institution—I am always doubtful of those who speak with extravagant terms in their praises of Freemasonry—rather, we are here to consider how best we may make it an effective influence in improving human relationships.

We have our statistical reports showing substantial increase in membership and a healthy financial condition. But there is something that cannot be set out in any statistics, or shown in any financial statement or balance sheet, that is the influence of Freemasonry on our own lives, and the impact it makes on our communities. You and I, individually, must judge these results for ourselves.

We are all interested in our respective Lodges. We have a strong loyalty to our own group of brethren. Let us remember, however, that no Lodge exists for itself. In the Lodge we are prepared and shaped to take our place in that Temple of Brotherhood which the Great Architect has planned for all mankind. In the Lodge we study the designs that enable us to complete the part of the work entrusted to us. Unless we are working with that purpose in mind, our Masonic activities become a pleasant but shallow routine.

I do not claim that Freemasonry of itself will remake the world. But in a society so precariously balanced between moral progress and destruction, it could be possible that the influence of Freemasonry, through the devotion of its members to the truths learned in the Lodge room, might swing the balance towards the way of life we desire.

Let us look out beyond the confines of this Grand Jurisdiction, and see bewildered humanity, groping for the truth, understanding and brotherhood that only can bring real peace. Let us realize the need for men of integrity, men with ideals and noble purpose, men inspired by the principles upon which our Order rests. Then let us give ourselves to the task we assumed when first we took our solemn obligations, and dream and work for a world that will truly be the Temple of God.

"Build me a world, said God,
Not with a Navy's strife,
Nor with a host in arms,
Compassing death, not life.
Build me a world, said God,
Out of man's fairest dreams;
Heaven must be its dome,
Lighted by prophet-gleams;
Justice shall be the stones
On which my world shall rise;
Truth and Love its arches,
Gripping my ageless skies.
Out of dreams, on the earthly sod,
Build me a world, said God,"

The Address was received with enthusiasm by the brethren and it was moved by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (114), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), that the Grand Master be thanked for his stimulating address and that the same be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

It was the happy task of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Bingham Donnelly. to present Fifty-year Jewels to the following brethren:

R.W. Bro. William G. Pollock, Neepawa Lodge No. 24, initiated February 2nd, 1898.

R.W. Bro. John George Louis LeM. Armit, Foxwarren Lodge No. 152, initiated November 3rd, 1896.

V.W. Bro. John T. Bragg, St. John's Lodge No. 4, initiated, December 1st, 1897.

The following are eligible for Fifty-year Jewels but were unable to be present at the Annual Communication:

Bro. Joseph E. Johnson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, initiated December 19th, 1887.

V.W. Bro. Arthur E. Fry, Hartney Lodge No. 52, initiated April 5th, 1898.

Bro. James Roper, Hartney Lodge No. 52, initiated November 17th, 1897.

R.W. Bro. Charles R. Cannon, Strathcona Lodge No. 117, initiated January 17th, 1898.

The "Norwood Quartette" then gave two musical selections, which were received very warmly.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following Amendments to the Constitution were taken up at this point:

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. It was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), that Section 4, paragraph 2 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge (1947) be amended as follows:

> "That the word 'member' line 6, be deleted and that the words 'Past Master,' be inserted in the stead thereof, and also in line 6 after the word 'Lodge' the words 'in good standing' be inserted."

The second paragraph of Section 4, would then read as follows:

> "Notwithstanding the provisions for the conferring of Honorary rank in this Grand Lodge as herein set forth, it shall be the prerogative of the Grand Master, after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, to confer such

Honorary rank as may be deemed appropriate, on any Past Master of a Lodge in good standing, not included in any one of the Masonic Districts, who, over a period of years has rendered conspicuous leadership and eminent service to the Craft, and any rank so conferred shall not be superior to the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master."

This amendment being simply a clarification of the wording of the Constitution, there was no discussion, and it was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

2. It was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93) that Section 46, Sub-section 6 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge be amended as follows:

"That there be added to this Section the following words: Subject to the provisions of Section 192 to 196 inclusive."

Section 46, Sub-section 6 would then read as follows:

"To arrest the Charter or Dispensation of any Lodge, and thereby suspend its activities during his pleasure, subject always to the provisions of Sections 192 to 196 inclusive, of the Constitution of Grand Lodge." This also was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

3. It was moved by R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138), seconded by W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), that Section 180 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge be amended as follows:

"That the words 'at one Meeting' be deleted from Section 180 and the words 'in one day' be substituted therefor."

Section 180 would then read as follows:

"A Lodge may confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on not more than five candidates in one day."

Some discussion took place on this amendment which was finally carried by a large majority.

NOTICE OF MOTION

4. W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114) moved, seconded by R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), that Section 125, Sub-section "a" be deleted and that Section 125 be amended as follows:

> "After the words 'Master Mason' in the fourth line thereof, the following words be inserted:
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> 'And whose dues for the current year shall have been paid.'"

Section 125 would then read as follows:

> "A member must have been regularly elected and installed as Warden to be eligible for election to the Office of Master, except in the case of a Lodge under Dispensation. Any member in good standing who has the rank of Master Mason and whose dues for the current year shall have been paid, shall be eligible for any office except that of Master."

This amendment was a clarification of the wording of the Constitution and was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were then made and the hymn "Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah" was sung.

ADJOURNMENT

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 10.00 p.m. until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, June 3rd, 1948.

Second Day

Thursday, June 3rd, 1948

Morning Session

The M.W. Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Guests formed in procession at 10.20 a.m. and proceeded to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m. by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Bingham Donnelly, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report that in the term which is now expiring, the duties of your Committee have not been exceedingly onerous. Your Committee during the past term passed on the constitutionality of the By-Laws of several of your individual Lodges at the request of the Grand Master, and as your Committee is comprised chiefly of lawyers we naturally found some sections that were not in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee has passed on the constitutionality of the several amendments to your Constitution that will be considered at this Communication and on many occasions your Committee has expressed its opinion on matters of procedure at the request of either the Grand Master or the Grand Secretary.

Your Committee's relations with the Grand Secretary have been most cordial and his advice of great assistance to your Committee.

Fraternally submitted,
S. HART GREEN,
Chairman, Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

In the absence of the Chairman, this report was presented by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved that it be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry begs to submit the following report.

Your Committee regrets that owing to the late reception of some reports, very little time was left for reviewing and this report is not as complete as we would prefer in consequence. Your Committee feel that all reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters should be in the Grand Secretary's Office by April 15th.

Generally speaking, the Condition of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction tends to seek higher levels as time goes on; this year has been no exception. Many splendid reports of individual lodges have been received; then there are some that are not so encouraging, fortunately, greatly in the minority. A distinct note of harmony prevails in this Grand Jurisdiction, lodges are prospering in increased membership and better financial standing and advancing in the science of Freemasonry.

This Committee feels it cannot too greatly stress the importance of the duties of the District Deputy Grand Masters. And if these duties are important, it is equally important for the different districts to make a wise selection of a well qualified Past Master to fill this important office. It is within the power of every District Deputy Grand Master to render very valuable services to his District and to Grand Lodge. This is not an honorary office, but one that requires ability, devotion to duty and the time it requires. It should not be the option of a Lodge, but of the District as a whole, to select and elect a District Deputy Grand Master.

The reports of Lodges at District Meetings show a wide variance. This Committee recommends that the Secretaries of lodges prepare a careful report on the activities of their lodges. Statistics are not desired. These reports should show just how a lodge is functioning, lodge visitations, schools of instruction, assistance to worthy causes, instruction of candidates, special evenings, etc. If the Secretary cannot be present at the District Meeting, he should make certain that his report, a full report, is presented.

It is a matter of regret that some lodges were not represented at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and in other cases none of the three principal officers were present.

Whilst inter-lodge visitations are reported from most lodges in some cases none were recorded. Your Committee strongly recommend all the lodges to keep up this Masonic Custom.

It has been very encouraging to note the activities prevailing in lodges, some having several meetings each month. Others with not so many meetings are, nevertheless, keeping bright the ideals of Freemasonry. It is noted that the practice of having degree work on regular lodge nights is varied in some lodges by keeping some of the regular nights free for other activities. With many candidates seeking the light of Freemasonry, many Emergent Meetings have to be held. In all, Freemasonry is very active in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Area Meetings this year at Souris, Pilot Mound and Gladstone were well attended. They brought together the brethren from different districts, the programmes were of an interesting and pleasing nature and the interest shown by the brethren was a real indication of their success. At Gladstone, the play "A Rose Upon the Altar" by the '44 Club of Winnipeg was an outstanding success and very greatly appreciated. The fine, timely and sincere addresses of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master were a source of inspiration to all present.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are summarized as follows:

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

In this District, R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann, who served as D.D.G.M. last year, made a splendid contribution in serving again this year owing to the regrettable illness of that fine old Mason, R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue. A review of the reports submitted reveals that this officer has given a considerable amount of time and attention to his work.

From these reports one gathers each of the Lodges has received a considerable increase in membership during the past year and that most of the Lodges are interested in helping the new members, by means of lectures, classes of instruction or Study Clubs. One or two of the Lodges apparently do not use any form of instruction, but depend on the members gathering information from observing the regular work.

It would appear that in these Lodges there is generally a good Masonic spirit. One or two exceptions are noted in the reports where this spirit was temporarily absent and the D.D.G.M. is to be commended on the steps he took to bring the matter to the attention of the Lodge in question.

The general trend of these reports is that Masonry in this District is in a flourishing condition.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. R. J. Wallace, D.D.G.M. The respective Secretaries of many of the Lodges in this District are to be commended for their excellent pen pictures of a busy year; one Secretary had very little to say. All Lodges report excellent financial condition and inter-lodge visiting. Lodge attendance appears to be average. The answers to the question No. 20 on Form No. 21, "what methods are used to instruct new members in the tenets and principles of Freemasonry" are somewhat vague. This is a most important subject. It should be impressed upon future D.D.G.M.'s that every effort be made by them to ensure that action be taken by all Lodges to instruct new brethren in the purpose and meaning of Freemasonry. Seven of the nine Lodges have libraries, though some are small—only Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 has a Study Club. McCreary Lodge No. 133 are to be congratulated. They have a fine new Temple which was officially opened by R.W. Bro. Walter McDonald on October 16th, 1947.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. Jas. H. Hamilton, D.D.G.M. The reports show that, with one or two exceptions, all Lodges are in a very healthy condition and are busy conferring degrees. Fraternal visits are frequently made and it is noticeable from the reports that Lodges that show no visits are the least active.

Some Lodges show their principal officers absent from the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. This is greatly to be regretted; it is usually accounted for by their vocations. Reports show that at some Lodges, Overseas Parcels were fully explained. No doubt this matter was covered in all Lodges and those in attendance fully informed on this very important activity.

It is a matter of regret that while some of the Lodges in this District are receiving quite a number of applications for membership, others are not so active in this respect. It is true that some Lodges are located in very small villages, but with the large number of applications being received in the larger centres, it hardly seems possible for a Lodge to go through an entire year and not be favored by some applications. It would seem that the Masonic Lodge is not taking its proper place in the community.

From the reports it would appear that the D.D.G.M., has been very attentive to his duties and in his reports of his visits has given full information as to the condition of the Lodges in his charge

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. H. R. Lawson, D.D.G.M. The reports on the Lodges in this District are refreshingly frank and the D.D.G.M. has evidently been a good superintendent, suggested remedial action and visited again to see the results. One Lodge is reported with inadequate dues; these are being raised. Praise is given to older Past Masters for their zeal and fidelity and to young Masons for their interest and good work as officers.

Mound Lodge No. 118 is reported as contemplating building. New hospitals in Killarney and Boissevain have prompted Killarney Lodge No. 50 and Doric Lodge No. 36 to furnish a ward in each of them. Reports on Lodges vary considerably in this District, more so than the difference in the size of the towns they are in would seem to warrant. Very active Lodges are recorded. It would seem that some of the other Lodges could make better progress.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Clark, D.D.G.M. Donations to Community enterprises, Christmas Cheer, Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and one Lodge reported the practical benevolence of repairing a widow's home. In practically all the reports the D.D.G.M. is pleased with the work of the junior officers; instruction of junior officers and newly made members is in the hands of Past Masters. Minute books are reported well kept, but Historical Records are behind. A noticeable feature was the splendid reports of Lodge Secretaries at the District Meeting. One Lodge reports little time for discussion or study owing to degree work, this is not good. A small Lodge reports little degree work, but their meetings enlived with discussion and well prepared papers. A small Lodge is reported weak in membership with little opportunity to increase same, but strong in attendance and the conduct of their Lodge. Most of the Lodges were late in opening; this is not a condition, but a frame of mind. Newdale Lodge U.D. receives splendid commendation on all aspects of their work.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. H. L. Morrow, D.D.G.M. The Lodges in this District, as a whole, have always been noted for their activity and this year is no exception. The report of the D.D.G.M. is brief and sketchy and in some cases no comment is made, but the Lodges are known to be hard at work with an increase in membership in each Lodge. Average attendance is the same as last year with the exception of Reston, which has a substantial increase. Four of the Lodges are fortunate in owning their own hall, which always tends to increase interest and membership. The picture would be much brighter if more effort was made on the part of the Masters to confer the three degrees; with one exception only parts of the degrees have been attempted. The work of all officers seems to be above average. More Lodge visitations are recommended, as there are few visits recorded. Five of the Lodges have Study Clubs, which speaks well of the interest of the members for further light in Freemasonry and the study of their problems. All report the books of the Lodge as having been audited and found in good shape. Nearly all have a library of sorts. The Sixth Masonic District is to be commended on the attendance of officers to the Grand Lodge Communication, 13 out of 24, which, although it is just over half, it must be remembered that these Lodges are the most distant in the Grand Jurisdiction.

Each of these Lodges has been built on a firm foundation and are carrying on the work in a very creditable manner.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms, D.D.G.M. A careful review of the reports from the Secretaries of each Lodge show that Freemasonry is in a fairly good condition. But the D.D.G.M. has not made any real reports of his official visits, other than statistical reports, outside of this he has made no observations or reported what was done on his visits. He visited all the Lodges in his District and reports that harmony prevails in each Lodge.

He saw degrees conferred in all Lodges but one, but on each visit there were certain officers absent for different reasons. The attendance was the usual. One Secretary reports that all nights were taken up with degree work. He suggests and can't see why the degree work cannot be abbreviated to save time. He also reports lack of interest in the newly made Masons. Is it to be wondered at—all they get each meeting is degree work instead of instruction of some kind. It would be better to receive less candidates and give more time to the instruction of what they have and create an interest in the hearts of new members.

Some Lodges take a great interest in the community life, while one has a ward in the hospital and gives a scholarship to the Collegiate and did their share to Parcels for Britain, another donated to the Benevolent Fund and borrows books from the Grand Lodge Library.

The new Lodge, Fenwick Lodge U.D., is going ahead and shows promise of becoming a strong Lodge, which is due to the brethren in charge. In looking over the report of this District, it shows that the present system of rotation of electing the D.D.G.M. is a bad principle, and something should be done very soon to correct this matter if Masonry is going to go ahead and thrive as a Craft and institution, as we need live and informed Masons to fill this office each year, who can inspire the members and Lodges to some real Masonic activity beside degree work only.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. W. W. Casson, D.D.G.M. In the reports of the Secretaries it is noted that all report new membershp, good financial standing, prospects good and harmony prevails. Some reports are too brief as to social and community activities. It is recommended that the work done by the Lodges, other than that that of conferring degrees and general business, be set out in the Lodge Reports, so that other Lodges could benefit by schemes that keep members interested in their Lodge and pride in work being done.

Three of the Lodges stress visiting, but two mention that they are not so fortunate in this regard due to their distance from another Lodge and sparse population. It is recommended that the smaller and isolated Lodges promote the social side and not leave it to the regular meeting to get together.

Shiloh and Emerson Lodges are very active and must prosper by their community work. A programme for children is a good idea in Shiloh Lodge and the pride in keeping their Lodge and grounds in good and neat order by Emerson Lodge is to be commended, also its sponsorship of a district Masonic bonspiel, degree team and scholarship. Carman and Patricia Lodges report a good number of new candidates and visits to other Lodges, also the fact that their members, as individuals, take an active interest in affairs of the community and subscribe generously to Masonic and other needs. Midlothian Lodge keep up the social side with banquets at which their families join in.

Several Lodges mention little in the report except generalities. Other reports are very interesting, outlining different activities. The chances are their brethren find these Masonic Lodges more interesting.

It is suggested to the D.D.G.M. that on his official visits, he mention commendable and interesting activities of other Lodges, as examples from which all would benefit.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. C. F. Drager, D.D.G.M. All Lodges are reported to be in a flourishing condition. Vermillion Lodge No. 68 reported 30 members in arrears or 17.9 of the total membership. Among the Masonic activities noted was the desire for their own Temple, the sending out of Christmas hampers and a round table discussion after Lodge. There does not appear to be anything unusual to report; peace and harmony prevails throughout the entire District and everything appears under proper control.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. David Ferguson, D.D.G.M. Reports of the D.D.G.M. indicate that harmony prevails throughout the District. Of the ten Lodges, five have libraries, two have started and three have none. The Historical Record is up to date in four Lodges, one to 1943, one to 1946, one to 1947, one partially, and one not shown on reports.

A good programme was provided for the District Meeting, which included an inspirational address by the Grand Master, but unfortunately the attendance was poor. This, in spite of the fact that the D.D.G.M. held this meeting in the Masonic Temple. Winnipeg, and travelled 250 miles himself in order to make it easy for the brethren to attend. He also had to travel a similar distance to visit all Lodges except Manitouwapa.

Both the District Secretary and the D.D.G.M, drew attention to the difficulties experienced by some of the Lodges during the depression and warned them to be cautious in their expenditures in these times of financial prosperity. Otherwise, they were liable to see a return to the unfortunate conditions prior to World War Two.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. W. F. Kerby, D.D.G.M. In summarizing the activities of this District, one is somewhat hampered by the brevity of the information at hand However, one gathers a general picture of progress being made.

Degree work was witnessed in six of the eleven Lodges visited officially. In all but one, minor deviations were noted and corrected by the D.D.G.M.

One Lodge has a Past Master, whose special care is to see that the brethren are well supplied with literature from the Grand Lodge Library. Another Lodge endeavours to give additional information as to the meaning of the ritual, in addition to the regular instruction. These two activities are to be commended.

In reporting on one Lodge, the D.D.G.M. said: "This Lodge has long been noted in screening its applicants for membership." It is to be hoped that all Lodges make use of a fine meshed screen in this respect.

Inter-lodge visits varied from three to thirteen, the average being six decimal five. The Lodge making the three visits, however, travelled to Morris and Emerson. The attendance of the three principal officers at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was ninety-nine per cent. one Junior Warden being out of the city All the Masters, sixteen Wardens, fifty Past Masters and eighty-seven Master Masons were in attendance at the District Meeting.

Our sympathy goes out to the members of Fidelity Lodge for the loss, by death, of Bro. E. Dack, Master-elect of that Lodge.

The Pas Lodge No. 124 and Flin Flon Lodge No. 153, being so far North, are beyond the conventional District Jurisdiction and are therefore under the direct charge of our Grand Master, who, on September 9th, 1947, made his official visit to Flin Flon Lodge.

He found the Lodge in good shape, located in a fine building, debt free, with an enthusiastic membership, a full share of new members coming in and an air of practical Freemasonry and good fellowship. This Lodge is in good financial condition.

On September 11th, our Grand Master visited The Pas Lodge No. 124 and found this Lodge in fine shape though handicapped by having 48 non-resident members. They have had nine new members this year. They have fine lodge quarters and a favorable report on charity activity.

The friendly spirit and kindly hospitality of these two Lodges, makes the northern visits an outstanding event in the Grand Master's year.

On July 5th, 1947, your Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge flew to Bissett to institute Rice Lake Lodge. Eleven enthusiastic Charter Members were on hand to welcome the visitors. This Lodge has good quarters, rent free, and have already added five members. All indications point to a successful future. They also have the whole-hearted help and co-operation of Pine Falls Lodge No. 154. This Lodge, due to its geographical location, will be under the personal supervision of the Grand Master.

Your Committee feel that the D.D.G.M.'s of this year have performed their duties well up to the usual standard and desire to thank them for their co-operation. We continually strive for a higher standard in this most important phase of the activities of Grand Lodge and real progress has been made. Instruction is provided for the newly elected District Deputies on the Friday morning after Grand Lodge and a mid-term meeting held for discussion and assistance. As members of the Board of General Purposes, it is particularly desirable that they attend all, or as many as possible, of its meetings; to aid them to do so, their travelling expenses are paid. They give the Board representation from widely separated parts of the Grand Jurisdiction; their knowledge of the procedure and workings of Grand Lodge is of real worth to their various Districts during their term of office and in the future.

Your Committee feels that it has been a pleasure to work with your D.D.G.M.'s and desire to commend them for fine services, well rendered. In recognition of such, your Committee recommend that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following:

R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue	First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. R. J. Wallace	Second Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Jas. H. Hamilton	Third Masonic District
R.W. Bro. H. R. Lawson	Fourth Masonic District

R.W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Clark	Fifth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. H. L. Morrow	Sixth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms	Seventh Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. W. Casson	Eighth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. C. F. Drager	Ninth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. David Ferguson	Tenth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Wm. F. Kerby	Twelfth Masonic District

In view of the long and splendid services of R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue to Freemasonry and the ill health that prevented him from carrying out his duties as D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District, your Committee is unanimous in including his name in the above recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. E. COLE,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93). Carried.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

One year ago our annual address centred upon the coming of the white man to the section of Canada which later became the Province of Manitoba. The subject matter on that occasion centred around the exploring party headed by Verendrye and we paid due tribute to the valiant band of men who first viewed our country and whom we recognize as the forerunners of the subsequent settlement.

Between the time of the Verendrye explorations and the arrival of the first party of agriculturists and farmers brought here by the Earl of Selkirk in 1812, and from the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers until the year when Manitoba was received into the Dominion as a Province—there is much information practically unknown to the average citizen in this year of Light.

We therefore propose to carry on the story commenced twelve months ago. At that time we told you about the building of Fort Rouge; of Fort La Reine at Portage la Prairie;

of Fort Maurepas below Selkirk, and remarked about Verendrye's expedition into the Saskatchewan and Missouri regions. We don't propose to repeat what was said at that time.

From the time La Reine and Fort Rouge were abandoned until the coming of the traders of the North-West Company, very scanty information for the period which covered approximately forty years is available.

In the interval however there were some intrepid souls who came our way and doubtless sojourned brieflly on the banks of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. Let us examine what records are now available and see who can be included among the probables.

Near the site of (Verendrye's) Fort Maurepas, below Selkirk, Joseph Frobisher is said to have built a fort and spent the winter of 1770-1771 there.

Then Peter Pond wintered at Fort Dauphin which was located on Lake Dauphin, in 1775-1776.

A few years later, in 1781, we are told by Alexander Henry, the Indians made an attempt to pillage the traders, Bruce and Boyer, at Fort des Trembles or Poplar Fort, and in the scuffle that ensued three Frenchmen and fifteen Indians were killed on the spot. On account of this disturbance the traders were obliged, for fear of being cut off, to re-embark their canoes and return to winter at "The Forks," (Winnipeg).

Sometime, about 1793, a free trader named Maurice Blondeau built what is usually referred to as "Blondish's Fort" on the north bank of the Assiniboine river, near the present village of Headingly.

All these men doubtless passed "The Forks" but according to the available evidence only Bruce and Boyer appear to have rested their caravan on the future site of Winnipeg.

The North - West Company, the great rival of the Hudson's Bay Company at the end of the eighteenth century, was organized in 1784, and in that year Robert Grant built Fort Esperance on the Qu'Appelle River. This was the first trading establishment opened by the new organization. Fort Esperance became the headquarters of the North-West Company operations in the West for several years. Undoubtedly this party would pass "The Forks."

It is apparent from the references just quoted and those which will follow, the site of Winnipeg, the Metropolis of Western Canada, held little, in fact no particular attraction for the early fur trader. This conclusion is amply justified by a brief examination of the diary of John Macdonell. He comments thus in his journal:

"September 6th, 1793: Arrived at the Forks after coming five leagues from the head of Sault a la Biche (St. Andrews Rapids). At 'The Forks' we found two lodges of Indians who have a moose killed not far off; sent six men for the meat of it which they are to bring on their backs. Our flour and biscuit, are now, entirely out, and we shall have to live like Indians, upon fish or flesh, as Providence supplies us. At these Forks we leave the main Red River that comes from the Sioux country to our left and enter the small branch called the Assinibouan River."

The following day his diary reads, "Rainbound till Sunday late in the afternoon so we may only be said to have shifted our camp."

Macdonell made a return trip in the following spring and his journal tells us, May 20, 1794. "Arrived at The Forks, Red River, about noon where we found Frederick Schultz and Des Marais, from Pembina River. Slept at the Forks, May 23rd; Started from The Forks with nineteen canoes and two boats manned by nearly 100 men and masters. Slept a few points below Frobisher's Fort."

When he returned from Fort William in the fall of 1794, he does not even mention The Forks and again on his inward as well as outward journey in 1795, no reference whatever is contained in the journal entry.

In his account of Red River written in 1797, he said: "The Forks"—at The Forks the remains of several old posts (he does not call them forts) are still to be seen, some of which were built as far back as the time of the French Government. This place is a favorite Indian encampment."

The North-West Company built their first fort on Red River at Pembina in 1797-98.

Up to this time I found no information to suggest any activity in the Red River district by The Hudson's Bay Company. The earliest record to come to my notice appears in the journal of Alexander Henry, dated 19th August, 1800, which reads (He had reached "The Forks" the day previous to his diary entry):

"At 12 o'clock, five Hudson's Bay Company boats from Albany Factory or rather Martin's Falls, arrived, Robert Goodwin, Master, assisted by Mr. Brown; they put ashore, and remained with us until four o'clock, when they proceeded up the Assiniboine."

A little more than a year later, on September 13th, 1801, Henry's diary written at Pembina reads: "On 13th, Thomas Miller with eight Orkney men of the Hudson's Bay Company, arrived from Albany Factory and began to build below me on the east side of Red River. They have one boat and one canoe."

These references indicate that the earliest post of the Hudson's Bay Company on the Red River was built at Pembina.

Alexander Henry went to Park River in 1799, and was transferred to Pembina in 1801. He remained in charge of the Lower Red River Department until August 8th, 1808. During this period he makes several references to "The Forks" (Winnipeg) but only in 1803 did he place one man there to receive furs.

Henry was transferred from Pembina to Fort Vermillion in August 1808, when he reached "The Forks" on this trip he entered in his diary, "At sunset we arrived at 'The Forks' where I found a camp of Indians and Delorme, a freeman." He was succeeded in the Lower Red River District by one of the many Mackenzies connected with the old North-West Company but he only remained in charge for a very short time. His successor was John Wills—the man who later built Fort Gibraltar, the first building to be erected where Winnipeg stands today.

It is not without interest that we make reference to the two memorial tablets which are affixed to the wall of Old Fort Garry gateway. One states that Fort Gibraltar was built in 1806; the other gives the year of construction as 1804. Then we find still another tablet on the Bridge of the Old Forts on Main Street where it is stated that Fort Gibraltar was built in 1807. Three different historic markers, none of them in agreement. The visitor can take his choice; needless to say not one of them is correct.

Henry was in charge of the district up to 1808 and he left a complete journal of the day by day happenings of the period and makes no reference whatever to this Fort during his regime.

Tanner in his narrative makes this reference: "He (Wills) built a strong fort on Red River near the mouth of the Assiniboine."

In the testimony of Jean Baptiste Roy (Montreal trial 1818), he states: "I know the Forks of Red River and a fort built thereby by a man of the name of Wills; he was a bourgeois (partner) of the North-West Company at the time the said fort was built. It was a wooden picketing, made of oak trees split in two, which formed its enclosure. Within the said enclosure were built the house of the partner, two houses for the men, a store, two hangards or stores, a blacksmith's shop and a stable; there was also an ice house with a watch tower over it; these houses were good log houses, large and inhabited. In the house of the partner were his clerks and interpreters, and in the other houses, his servants to the number of eight or ten. Each of the houses could have contained twenty men.''

From the deposition of another witness at the same trial, Jean Baptiste Mennie, we learn a few additional facts. ''We were a whole year in building it (Fort Gibraltar). In the winter there were twenty men who were all employed. The fort was built by Mr. Willis (Wills) who died there and was succeeded by Mr. Cameron (Duncan Cameron).

''There were in the fort one house, sixty-four feet long, one of thirty, a kitchen of fifteen feet, another house twenty-eight feet, a store twenty-two feet, and other buildings.''

From these authentic references we have a fairly accurate description of the first buildings erected at the site of Winnipeg.

Tanner further tells us ''Wills died about three years after building his fort.'' We have evidence that Wills was in charge as late as 1814. In the month of May of that year Miles Macdonell, Governor of the Selkirk Colony wrote Wills ''I am happy to have in my power to contribute to your relief, by the attendance of the Colonial surgeon and beg you will fully avail yourself of all the assistance he can render you.''

From the fact that Duncan Cameron took charge of Fort Gibraltar in the fall of 1814, it would seem that John Wills succumbed to his ailment.

Fort Gibraltar was standing in its primitive glory when the first party of Selkirk Settlers arrived in 1812. It was not in existence when Henry left The Forks in 1808. My opinion, based upon the facts which have been stated, is that construction was started in 1809 and completed in 1810. Much of the confusion of dates by previous writers on the subject has doubtless been based on the written memoir of John McDonald of Garth, which reads, ''I established a fort at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers (1807) and called it Gibraltar.'' These notes were not written at the time but in 1859, at which time McDonald was 89 years old. Memory is never a reliable guide.

We now come to the days of settlemnt; the opening up of the country to agriculture at the cross-road of the fur trading activity of the two rival companies.

Between the years 1809 to 1811, the Earl of Selkirk was busily engaged in the Highlands of Scotland, organizing his projected scheme of settlement for Red River.

A few years before this, as I have already pointed out, the Hudson's Bay Company had opened a trading post at Pembina, on the Red River. These activities caused consternation among the partners of the North-West Company, consequently, with the two-fold purpose of discouraging the proposed settlement and destroying opposition in the fur trade, Fort Gibraltar was built at the strategic forks of the Red and Assiniboine.

The plans to bring the settlers had been too far advanced to stop this movement. On 12th August, 1812, Miles MacDonell, in charge of the first party of settlers reached The Forks and camped on the east side of Red River (St. Boniface), directly opposite Fort Gibraltar. Five days later he read the patent of the grant of land made to Lord Selkirk at a spot, "facing the North-West Company, delivery and seizin formally taken in presence of all our people, a number of free Canadians, Indians, etc., three of the North-West Company gentlemen (John Wills, Alexander Macdonell, and Benjamin Frobisher) attended, but they did not allow their people to cross. Mr. Haney translated some part of the patent into French, which was read for the information of the Canadians.

"We had an officers' guard under arms, colors flying—after reading, all our artillery, along with Mr. Hillier's, consisting of six swivels were discharged. After the conclusion of the business the gentlemen met at my tent and a keg of spirits was turned out for the people."

Miles Macdonell selected a spot to make a start of the settlement and this location is known today as Point Douglas in the City of Winnipeg.

One of the original party was a man from the Island of Lewis—John McLeod—who transferred from the Colony party to the service of the Hudson's Bay Company.

In May, 1813, nine months after his first arrival at The Forks, John McLeod wrote in his diary: "As the Hudson's Bay Company had no house at this place (The Forks) prior to this, I immediately on Mr. Haney's departure began to build and had a good snug house erected before the return of the Fall crops." This was the first building erected in Winnipeg by the Hudson's Bay Company.

We read about Fort Douglas in our school history books and occasionally it is mentioned in newspaper items. Perhaps one might visualize the place from the following extract contained in the report of Thomas Thomas, Governor of the Southern Department, Hudson's Bay Company, in September, 1815.

"Mr. Fidler is eminently qualified for this kind of business (building). In the summer of 1814, when Capt. Macdonell was absent from Red River, Mr. Fidler being left in charge, performed a good deal of business. He built a convenient farm house with barn, stable, cow house, sheep house, and hog stye and enclosed the whole within a strong fence of stockades, 3½ chains square.

"He also built the walls and roof of a Government House of two storeys, 64 x 22 feet; a detached kitchen, 23 x 17 feet; a neat dwelling house, 23 x 16. He made two kilns of charcoal, fifteen tons of hay, broke up 2½ acres of land and secured all the crops. During the time the settlers and servants were employed thus usefully, they are said to have been more contented than they were before or have been since. The business thus done by Mr. Fidler made a considerable improvement in the appearance of the settlement where before only an unfinished house, 50 x 18, built by freemen and a smith's shop built by the servants were seen."

These specific references give us the details of Fort Gibraltar built by John Wills of the snug little house built by

John McLeod; and the group of buildings, which at a later date were designated Fort Douglas, built by Peter Fidler. This was the foundation of the City of Winnipeg and along with the rude and simple buildings of the settlers down Kildonan way formed the entire extent of civilization in what later became the Province of Manitoba.

The date is June 28th, 1815; this scene of devastation met the eye (I quote): "All the colonial buildings were burned down, consisting of four houses, forming what was called the fort, and five farm houses standing near the barn and stables; these last were also burned at the same time together with the mill."

This was the time of the first dispersion of the Selkirk Settlers and seems to be the result anticipated a few months before when Alexander Macdonell, of the North-West Company wrote to John McDonald of Garth: "You see myself and our mutual friend Cameron, so far on our way to commence open hostilities against the enemy at Red River; much is expected of us, if we believe some; perhaps too much; one thing certain, that we will do our best to defend what we consider our rights in the interior. Something serious will undoubtedly take place. Nothing but the complete downfall of the colony will satisfy some, by fair or foul means. A most desirable object, if it can be accomplished, so here is at them with all my heart and energy."

The majority of the Settlers were sent to Upper Canada only a few Loyalists to the Selkirk cause remained and they sought refuge at the north end of Lake Winnipeg.

During the forced absence of the people belonging to the Colony, John McLeod with three others—Archibald Currie, Hugh McLean and James McIntosh—remained at The Forks and took charge of the Colonial and Hudson's Bay Company affairs, such as they were.

Writing to Lord Selkirk, August 5th, 1815, McLeod had this to say:

"Seeing the crops would be useless without a house, I have been induced to build one without orders from my superiors. I am now building a house forty feet long, twenty feet wide, sixteen feet high. This may be disapproved of, but to defer it till the arrival of the boats would be too late for the people who may come up in the fall.''

Up to this time the whole locality had been called ''The Forks,'' or ''Red River Settlement'' or ''Colony Gardens.'' All three names are found on contemporary documents. We learn from John Pritchard that in 1816, at Red River, there was but one house—the Governor's—which had been called ''Fort Douglas'' by the settlers after their return to the Settlement in 1815.

As we have already noted, the colony buildings or fort had been destroyed by the North-West Company men in 1815. In September of that year, upon the return of the settlers and servants, Colin Robertson reported thus: ''On 21st September, in the forenoon, the foundation logs were laid for a new house at which three men are at present employed.''

The pride of victory on the part of the North-West Company was short lived. The settlers who found shelter at the north end of Lake Winnipeg had returned and another party from Scotland under Governor Robert Semple arrived.

In company with Colin Robertson who had been sent by Lord Selkirk, Governor Semple began to match destruction with destruction. On 17th March, 1816, they seized Fort Gibraltar. On 10th April, all the clerks and the servants of the North-West Company quit Red River and on 10th June, Semple issued orders to dismantle Fort Gibraltar. All the best of the timber was rafted to Fort Douglas, then under process of rebuilding, one bastion and everything considered useless was burned to the ground. Thus passed into memory the original Fort Gibraltar, never to be re-built.

The victory of Semple over his rivals was only a calm before a dreadful storm. Nine days later—on 19th June, 1816—the unfortunate affair at Seven Oaks took place. The Governor, Robert Semple and about twenty of his officers and men lost their lives. Three days later, on the 22nd, the entire Colony was dispersed for the second time in two years. The North-Westers took possession of Fort Douglas and a few days after—on 25th June—there was a grand gathering of the top ranking men of the Company held at recently vacated Fort Douglas.

There is much to be told about the outbreak at Seven Oaks. It is a long story and we must leave that part of our history for another occasion, perhaps another writer.

A few months pass and Fort Douglas is destined to see a change of occupancy once more. In the dead of winter, on 10th January, 1817, the Fort was recaptured by Capt. D'Orsonnens, at the head of some twenty-five resolute men. Later, in the month of June, the dispersed settlers and the servants of the Hudson's Bay Company returned after their forced absence spent on Lake Winnipeg. Almost simultaneously Lord Selkirk, in person, arrived upon the scene. His Lordship remained about three months, re-established his settlement, made a treaty with the Indians, and from that day in 1817, until the present time the country has prospered and developed.

This is an appropriate place to review the different parties, five in all, who had come to Red River under the auspices of the Earl of Selkirk.

1811—Under Miles Macdonell.
1812—Under Owen Keveny.
1813—Under Archibald McDonald.
1814—Only 14 people came, unaccompanied.
1815—Under Robert Semple.

In the year 1816, the De Meurons came to Red River. The arrival of this party made it necessary to sub-divide a piece of land adjoining Fort Douglas. This parcel became known as Point Douglas and the record tells us that it was, ''surveyed into a number of lots, each containing a few acres, and bordering on the river, a wide street running from the open to the highway being set apart for their common use, affording access to the common which lay beyond the road, on which the settlers on the point had a right of pasturage and hay making. After Point Douglas had been appropriated a number of his Lordship's troops were still without land. These had to take land on the East side of Red River opposite to Point Douglas."

The wide street in question is now the road bed of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

In 1818 a third class of settler arrived on July 18th, the French Canadians from Lower Canada. This consisted of a few families under the care of Rev. Joseph Norbert Provencher. These Canadians must not be confounded with the Roman Catholic nomadic half breeds who were then scattered throughout the country, certainly the latter did not comprise a settled community at Red River. The correspondence written by the Reverend Father at the time does not express much enthusiasm for the projected French Settlement he came to open. As a matter of fact he sent his band of followers without delay on to Pembina, meantime deciding to build a house 60 x 30 feet but refraining from building a chapel for the time being.

He carried on his early work not at The Forks where a large grant of land had been given for the purpose by Lord Selkirk, but at distant Pembina.

Referring to documents written in 1823 we are informed that little advance in the way of settlement had been made at St. Boniface. It is of interest to read what Bishop Plessis of Quebec wrote to Provencher on 6th of April, 1823. In this letter he quotes from a letter of complaint made by one of the executors of the Selkirk Estate:

"I may be permitted frankly to express my opinion that the Roman Catholic Mission at Red River, having so long left unfinished their church at The Forks, having permitted their intended house of residence there to continue incomplete and dismantled to the present moment; having established no schools, nor attempted any improvement of settlement on the extensive grant given them by Lord Selkirk, they ought never to have set about building and completing a distant church at Pembina.''

At this time (1822-23) the young country was populated by the various parties who were thus located.

The Scots—in what subsequently became the parishes of St. John and Kildonan.

The De Meurons—partly on Point Douglas but the majority on the Seine River.

The Swiss—with the De Meurons on the Seine.

The French—in one parish up the river, afterwards known as the Parish of St. Norbert, and part of St. Boniface.

The Halfbreeds—under Cuthebert Grant, their chief, some twenty miles up the Assiniboine at a place called White Horse Plains—now known as St. Francis Xavier.

Two years after the arrival of the Roman Catholic missionaries the first Protestant clergyman to come to Red River arrived at The Forks. Rev. John West was sent by the Hudson's Bay Company and he arrived in the month of October, 1820. He belonged to the Church of England.

The primary purpose of his appointment was to organize and establish suitable establishments for the care and education of halfbreed orphans and the children of retired Hudson's Bay Company servants who were expected to take up land grants near the settlement.

The spot selected for the projected orphanage was Image Plains (Middlechurch). There is little evidence that this social effort was ever established. Mr. West returned to England after a residence of thirty-two months in this country.

The characteristics of the people and the observations made by visitors are usually interesting contributions to the life and work of a community.

From a letter written by George Simpson in 1824, we learn something of the men who were the representatives of law and order at the time. He said:

"Our councils are really worse than nothing. McDonell is disaffected and the bitterest enemy to the Executors of this place. Thomas is timid and weak as a child; Cook is like Thomas but drunken and without either body or mind; Pritchard is froth; Matthey is discontented and designing; wishes to be popular among his countrymen and hostile to the Company and the Executors; Logan has been associated with McDonell in his speculations while in power, indeed they are nothing more or less in my opinion than a pair of thieves and stick to each other likewise; and Mr. Jones, although well disposed wants experience, in short, there is not one man among them who has any pretension to the title he bears; they have no public spirit, nor general view towards the welfare and good government of the place but are entirely influenced and actuated by self in every thought, word and action.

"The only boys' school we have is one kept by Harbridge, sent out by the Church Missionary Society, but the fellow is quite unfit for his situation, stupid, ignorant, consequential and illiterate. Some of our halfbreed boys in the Colony can teach him instead of their receiving instruction from him."

This, brethren, was the opinion of the chief officer of the Hudson's Bay Company.

The year, 1826, was long remembered as the year of the flood. It was a year of calamity. Early in May the river rose above its banks. Houses filled rapidly with water. The inhabitants were compelled to take refuge on the nearest hills, such as we have them on the prairie, and were unable to return until 12th of June, when a scene of desolation met their gaze. Only three houses in the whole settlement were left standing.

Donald McKenzie of the Hudson's Bay Company reporting from The Forks in August, 1826, had this to say:

"Our fort situated at the Junction of both rivers has been subject to great dilapidation, more especially the side belonging to the Company. The main body of the Colony buildings stood out the pressure but the stockades and various parts and implements, quite indispensable to a place of the kind, have either been smashed in pieces, or carried away by the stream."

At this time in our story (1826) there were but three families occupying the area which subsequently became the City of Winnipeg, i.e., Andrew McDermot, Alexander Ross and Robert Logan.

Andrew McDermot came to Red River in 1812. He was born in Roscommon, Ireland, in 1779. After serving the Hudson's Bay Company for a few years he retired in 1819, and opened a small general trading business on the outskirts of the Company's reserve. His first business venture was said to have consisted of a chest of tea which he carried on his back through the settlement sewed in a calfskin.

Despite the exclusive privileges claimed by the Hudson's Bay Company, McDermot seems to have eluded the vigilance of the Company's servants and carried on his independent transactions regardless of the monopoly. His was the only semblance of a store at Red River until 1851 when his son-in-law, A. G. B. Bannatyne, commenced a similar establishment on the property adjoining McDermot's. In the days before Manitoba was created a Province five hundred acres lying outside the walls of Fort Garry were reserved for the Indians from the plains as a camping place during their sojourn while trading their furs.

The property of Andrew McDermot bordered this common and consisted of a river lot, twelve chains fronting on Red River and extending back for two miles. McDermot Avenue marks the northern boundary of his property while immediately north of the McDermot land a similar sized lot belonged in later years to A. G. B. Bannatyne.

The next river lot to the North was owned by Alexander Ross, a native of Scotland. He served in the fur trade on the Pacific Coast for some years and on severing his connection with the Company travelled overland to Red River bringing his family along with him. He arrived in July, 1825. Through the kind offices of George Simpson he received an allotment of land. The property in question had originally been the Colony farm in the first days of settlement. It lay north of the site later to be occupied by the Bannatyne family.

When Alexander Ross reached Red River this was his comment: "Instead of a place walled and fortified, as I had expected, I saw nothing but a few wooden houses huddled together without palisades or any regard to taste and comfort. To this cluster of huts were, however, appended two long bastions in the same style as the other buildings. These buildings according to the custom of the country, were used as dwellings and warehouses for carrying on the trade of the place. Nor is the Governor's house anything more in its outward appearance than the cottage of a humble farmer who might be able to spend fifty pounds a year. These, however, were evidences of the settled and tranquil state of the country."

This was his opinion of the buildings comprising Fort Douglas which in the same year was sold to Robert Logan. The Logan property adjoined that of Alexander Ross to the northward.

Robert Logan entered the service of the North-West Company when he arrived in Canada in 1806. He remained in this service until 1814 at which time he transferred his allegiance to the Hudson's Bay Company. In 1818-19 he was appointed to look after the affairs of Lord Selkirk at Red River.

One of the few documents of the Selkirk regime was in the possession of a descendant of Logan a few years ago. It is a rather crude agreement of sale between Governor Pelly, for the executors, and Robert Logan, Sheriff and Councillor of Assiniboia, by which the latter purchased the historic spot—Fort Douglas. The document reads: "An agreement made this eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, between Robert Logan, of the Red River Settlement, on the one part, and the Executors of the late Thomas, Earl of Selkirk, by Governor Pelly, their agent, of the other part, as follows:

"The said Robert Logan hereby agrees to purchase from the said Executors of the late Thomas, Earl of Selkirk, the wind grist-mill now being erected, with the old establishment of Fort Douglas, comprising one hundred acres of land for the sum of four hundred pounds sterling, payable as follows, viz.: one hundred and fifty pounds on or before the 1st June, 1826; one hundred and fifty pounds on or before the 1st June, 1827; and one hundred pounds on or before 1st June, 1828.

"And the said Robert Logan further agrees to grind any grain or pulse that may be brought to the said mill from settlers or others at a moulter not exceeding that which is established in Canada, to be determined by the gentlemen of the Catholic Mission. It being understood that the said mill shall be put into the possession of the said Robert Logan in a complete and finished state.

"In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands the 9th day of July, 1825.

"Witnesses: D. McKenzie (Sgd.) Robt. Logan.
"Fras. Heron (Sgd.) R. P. Pelly."

added to the document was this clause:

"It is further agreed between Governor Pelly and Mr. Logan, that from the period of the mill's being delivered up to Mr. Logan, Mr. Mitchell shall be transferred to him until the expiration of his present contract which takes place on the 1st June, 1826, for which consideration Mr. Logan shall pay one half of Mr. Mitchell's expenses to the estate of the late Earl of Selkirk, from the time the mill is delivered until the first of June, aforesaid.

"Witnesses: D. McKenzie (Sgd.) Robt. Logan.
"Fras. Heron (Sgd.) R. P. Pelly."

Still another notation was inserted on the original document. This reads:

"It is further understood that the charge or moulter for grinding shall be 10%, i.e., if ten bushels are ground, one bushel shall be the allowance for the mill.

"(Sgd.) GEO. SIMPSON,
"Fort Garry.
9th March, 1827."

This then is another page in the history of our Province. The day of the settler had come. Families from the Highlands of Scotland were happily developing the land at Kildonan; retired Hudson's Bay servants were locating further down the river and the French element had returned to St. Boniface, St. Norbert and westward along the Assiniboine.

As previously remarked the original settlers on the site of Winnipeg were, Andrew McDermot, Alexander Ross and Robert Logan. It was a beginning but much water was to flow along the Red River before the pioneer efforts carried our earliest citizens on to the wider fields of organized government in a lone land.

We leave our pioneers at this point in the hope that a continued review of our community development and progress may be the subject of your Historian's address twelve months hence.

Fraternally submitted,
WM. DOUGLAS,
Grand Historian.

The Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, was cordially thanked for his interesting and informative address, and it was moved by R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), that the address be printed in the Proceedings. Carried.

GREETINGS

Greetings were then brought from the following Distinguished Guests:

M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Verne Wells, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. John B. Tomhave, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro John A. Stormon, I.P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

REPORT ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge is a time of rejoicing to all the Brethren, sharing together the beauty of the flowers that bloom in the Garden of our experiences. Yet, as we meet, we are reminded of those Brethren who will not again meet with us in our earthly garden.

This Grand Lodge mourns the passing, since our last Communication of those Past Grand Masters, in the persons of:

Most Worshipful Brother Jabez Miller;
Most Worshipful Brother Harry Woods;
Most Worshipful Brother James Scroggie;

Our Grand Treasurer:

Right Worshipful Brother Alexander Burgess;

and the Grand Organist:

Very Worshipful Brother Joseph John Seton McFadyen Lyon;

Nine Past District Deputy Grand Masters and 218 other Officers and Members of the Craft.

Many of these Brethren have labored long and earnestly, leaving their mark in the many phases of Masonic endeavor and accomplishment. All have earned a place in the Chamber of Memories, honored by their Brethren, and our mourning is turned into joy, and no man can take that joy from us; for

"There is no death, no darkness that bespeaks the end,
The grave is but the gate to a joyous trysting-place
Where friend holds fellowship with friend."

Most Worshipful Sir, I would ask you and all the Brethren assembled to rise and observe a brief silence in honor of our Fraternal Dead.

"They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old,
Age shall not wither, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning—
We will remember them."

R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms made sympathetic reference to the passing of Distinguished brethren, and a moment 'of silence was observed. On motion of R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms (117), seconded by R.W Bro. W. H. Yarwood (102), that the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcements were then made and the Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 12.10 p.m. to attend the Past Masters' Association Luncheon.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

A Complimentary Luncheon was provided for the out-of-town guests by the Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg, supported by the Lodges of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, and Kildonan, The Domer and Seven Oaks Lodges of the Tenth Masonic District.

The Luncheon was at 12.30 p.m. R.W. Bro. Leslie C. Welsh, Vice-President of the Past Masters' Association, presided in the unavoidable absence of W. Bro. J. Morgan Davies, through illness.

There were 512 Masons present. R.W. Bro. Leslie C. Welsh introduced the speaker, M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Dunlop, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), who gave a most interesting Address and was thanked by W. Bro. Fred. Hughes. M.W. Bro. Dunlop's Address follows herewith:

ADDRESS OF M.W. BRO. WM. J. DUNLOP

R.W. Brother Chairman, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

From your old Mother Grand Lodge, I bring you the most cordial fraternal greetings and good wishes. This evening, our Grand Master and our Grand Secretary, who would have come here if they could, will be in Peterborough, Ontario, where Corinthian Lodge is celebrating its One Hundredth Anniversary.

It has not been surprising to me (because I know how well established and how prosperous Freemasonry is in Manitoba) but it has been most gratifying to hear how well you have done in your Campaign for Food Parcels for Britain and what magnificent work you are doing in benevolence. To me, the Address of your Grand Historian was a delightful fund of interesting information; your Grand Master's Address was a thoughtful and inspiring thesis. Really, I have enjoyed every minute of the Sessions of your Annual Communication.

It was your Grand Historian who provided me with the key to the topic which I should like to discuss with you this afternoon, when he reminded us that we who are Masons have special duties as citizens—duties which are greater because we have had an opportunity, in our Lodges, to learn more. What does Freemasonry teach us? What is there to be learned apart from the fundamental principles which are regularly presented for our consideration? Kindly remember, Brethren, that, in what I may outline to you, I shall not forget that Freemasonry is the handmaid of the Church, that its work is secondary but supplementary to that of the Church. Masons should be churchmen; should be regular in their attendance at, and active in the support of, the churches of their choice. Throughout my Masonic career, I have always tried to stress that.

Modern education frequently presents to us old facts in a new dress. For example, modern psychology deals with the development of personality, though everyone of us has known always that personality is a greater factor in one's advancement in life than is education. How can a Mason make use of the teachings of the Craft in order to develop his own personality, to frame his own philosophy of life? Let us consider four points:

CHEERFULNESS

The world is in a terrible turmoil but we cannot help matters by being gloomy. By contemplation of the teachings of the Craft, the Mason learns that the Great Architect of the Universe is in control and that faith makes possible a cheerful, trustful disposition. We discover that we owe a duty to our relatives, our friends, our fellow citizens, that duty being the attempt to make life more agreeable for them, by being happy ourselves. Freemasonry definitely and directly teaches the value of happiness and, by learning that lesson, we take the first step in the development of attractive personalities.

ORIGINALITY

Freemasonry teaches a man to do his own thinking; to avoid taking his opinions ready-made from any source whatever. In every phase of business, industry, commerce, the world is looking for men and women who can produce original ideas and who can carry those ideas to fruition. The Mason who has made good use of his opportunities for study and research should have the benefit of a training of the intellectual faculties which will enable him to be an independent, an original thinker. Thus he develops his personality as every good citizen should.

AGGRESSIVENESS

In this old world there are, as we all know, positive characters, neutral characters and negative characters. Having of his own volition applied for admission to a society of which he knew almost nothing, a Mason is likely to be a positive character. Having been admitted and having begun to learn the rudiments of both a science and an art, a Mason has had an opportunity to develop further that phase of his character—and personality is the flowering of character. In brief, he has the courage of his convictions; he knows what he believes; he is willing to work for and to try to establish in his community the principles for which he stands. He becomes a strong man and a good citizen.

LOYALTY

Can any characteristic be more important than loyalty to what is right and good? What loyalities Masons have and how wonderfully Freemasonry teaches us to be true to those loyalties. Our God, our King. our Church, our Craft, our Country, our friends and relatives, our brethren—are not these some of the loyalties we cherish? There is no need to stress the obvious fact that true loyalties develop the best of personalities; no need to emphasize the truth that good citizens are always loyal to the right and the good.

Need I remind you, Brethren, that the greatest and the nearest threat to all that we hold dear is the menace of Communism? Only by holding fast to our loyalties can we defend ourselves and our country from that vile monster, that evil philosophy. Very few Masons have abandoned Freemasonry and have embraced Communism and those few never really were Masons; they were self-seekers who used Freemasonry as a stepping-stone, as they imagined, to positions of influence. "Verily, they have their reward."

Let me summarize by saying that the Freemason who thoughtfully absorbs the teachings of the Craft and who strives to be, in all his activities, cheerful, original, aggressive and loyal, should be successful in developing an attractive personality, should become and remain a good citizen, and should enjoy the blessings of a happy life.

Second Day

Thursday, June 3rd, 1948.

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 2.55 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Harry Bingham Donnelly, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms.

GREETINGS

Greetings were received from M.W. Bro. Frank Matson, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, who recalled that it was M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd who largely brought about the intimate relationships which now exist between these Grand Lodges.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Under the date of October 14th, 1947, the Grand Secretary received a request from the "Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada" for contributions from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to a trust fund to be established, in the amount of $250,000.00 of principal, for the purpose of extending Masonic Relief in times of National disaster.

The Board of General Purposes referred this request to your Committee on Foreign Relations. We find that a similar request was previously rejected and we are still of the opinion that we should not become a member of this Association. It would amount to taking out insurance on an assessment basis with no means of knowing what the assessments might be. We recommend that this Association be so advised.

The Board of General Purposes also referred, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, a Circular Numbered 1073 from the Grand Lodge of Peru protesting vigorously against the conclusions adopted at the First Inter-American Conference of Symbolic Freemasonry, held at Montevideo (Uruguay) April 14th to April 20th, 1947, on the grounds that some of the attending Grand Lodges were Irregular. It is the opinion of your Committee that no good purpose would be served by taking any action whatever in a controversy of this nature. We therefore recommend that the protest, together with the proceedings of the Conference, be filed for future reference, if required.

Applications for recognition have been received from the Grand Lodge of Uruguay (already recognized by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland); The Grand Lodge Argentina (also in fraternal relations with the United Grand Lodge of England); Grand Lodge of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil; The Grand Orient Arabe Syrian and Grand Lodge National of Colombia. The usual questionnaire has been mailed to each of these Grand Lodges. We have received from the Grand Lodge of Uruguay a resume of their Declaration of Principles and Rules of Regularity. These are in harmony with the requirements of this Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend that recognition be granted the Grand Lodge of Uruguay and that an exchange of Grand Representatives be arranged.

We are not in a position to make recommendations on the other applications, as our questionnaires have not yet been returned.

The Norwegian Grand Lodge "The Polar Star" which was established 1920 and since then has been working in Norway, has, through negotiations with the Grand Lodge of Norway, placed themselves under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Norway. Since the signing of an agreement by the two parties on September 26th, 1947, there exists in Norway only one Grand Lodge: "The Grand Lodge of Norway." The M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Norway expresses the hope that the fraternal and friendly relations prevailing between the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Grand Lodge of Norway may continue unchanged, and that the brethren belonging to the Lodges now affiliated, may meet with the same fraternal good-will and understanding as has been kindly extended to Brethren from their own Lodges. We recommend that fraternal relations be continued as requested.

Czechoslovakia: We are indebted to the Editor of "Masonry in Manitoba" for a very complete resume of a brochure received by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, entitled "A Grand Lodge Home Again After the War." As every member in the Jurisdiction received a copy we do not consider it necessary to make further comment in this report. Czechoslovakia has proven the correctness of my statement to you when I was your Grand Master "Our enemies may destroy Masonic Temples and prohibit assembly but they cannot erase Freemasonry from the hearts of men." Our sympathy goes out to these brethren who are again restricted by a dictatorship.

Portions of the report presented to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia by M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris are copied here for your information:

Norway: In Norway, the destruction of Masonic Temples and their contents has been almost complete. Even the great Grand Lodge Temple in Oslo was completely gutted by the German invaders, who tore down its decorations and its partitions and were converting it into what was planned by the Quislings to be the most magnificent restaurant in Europe. The whole of the interior of this Temple will have to be rebuilt. Progress towards the recovery of Grand Lodge stability is rapid.

Denmark: The National Grand Lodge which is headed by Prince Harald is to be distinguished from the Grand Lodge of Denmark which is not recognized by the Grand Lodges of England, Norway, Sweden or by any other regular European Grand Lodge. The so-called Grand Lodge of Denmark is really only a small lodge of about 200 members and was founded under French auspices.

In September, 1946, the Masonic Hall was reopened, and the interest in Freemasonry has since increased greatly, and substantially.

Germany: A staff correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor reports that Lodges in the American military zone are being re-organized slowly and only with the permission of the local military authority. Only those who accept the Anderson Constitutions of 1723 and who can prove that they were, in no way associated with the Nazi party are permitted to meet. In Munich, no more than 250 members remain. It will be a long slow process and official recognition will probably be delayed until the military government and responsible leaders of Freemasonry are convinced that the movement is on a sound foundation.

Belgium: The Grand Orient of Belgium does not require the declaration of a belief in God of all its members and candidates, and, instead of the V.S.L. on its altars, a white book containing nothing but blank pages is substituted. The present Grand Master believes that a belief in God should be required and is using his best efforts to bring this result about. Until a change is made no recognition can be made by the regular Grand Lodges of the world.

Netherlands: Freemasonry in the Netherlands suffered dire disaster in the death of its Grand Master in the infamous Buchenwald Camp, the destruction of its buildings and libraries, the dispersion of its membership, and the confiscation of its property. Gradually it is emerging from its disaster and promises to be stronger than ever.

France: Here all three Grand Lodges are recovering their lost ground, buildings are being reoccupied, their contents and libraries recovered and their fraternal relations renewed and although the membership is everywhere sadly depleted, there are many signs of revived activity and energy.

Switzerland: The Grand Lodge Alpina which continued to meet during the war, recently held its 94th annual meeting at Lugano. Its official publication "Alpina" is published in German, French and Italian.

Austria: After the war, Brother Doppler gathered together those brother Masons, only 64 in number, who had survived. The Grand Lodge was opened by him, as Acting Grand Master, on July 28, 1945, and a collective lodge instituted "Humanitas Renate." It now has 140 members. Both the Grand Lodge and this particular lodge will be chartered in Vienna. The Grand Lodge has also founded two other lodges, viz: "Paracelsus" at Klagenfort, Corinthia, and "Mozart" at Graz, Styria.

There are many applications for membership but they have to be searchingly and meticulously investigated to make sure that the applicants have never been Nazi collaborators or sympathizers. Among the present members are officers of the government, educators and economic leaders.

Hungary: "Alpina" the official organ of the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland reports that the Government of Hungary has recently repealed a decree in force for the past 25 years, prohibiting Freemasonry. In the interval, the Grand

Lodge buildings and property were confiscated without compensation and the lodges dissolved.

Italy: In Italy there are two Grand Lodges, each of which is recognized by some of the Grand Lodges in the United States. Both groups are under investigation by a delegation from the Masonic Service Association. It is too soon to form an opinion as to the regularity of either.

Greece: Masonry is apparently in process of re-establishment in Greece. The beautiful Temple in Athens has been occupied by the homeless, most of them refugees; but it has at least been returned to the fraternity."

M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris conducted the Masonic pilgrimage to the old land one year ago and we considered the foregoing authentic information would be of real interest to our membership.

Our sincere thanks to R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr, for sending us clippings of interest which he obtained from the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions. We recommend his Masonic Reviews to all the brethren. They are printed each year in the Grand Lodge proceedings,

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. HENDERSON,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11). Carried.

The M.W. the Grand Master declared the Ballot closed at precisely 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon.

REPORT OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to report as follows:

Our activities this year were deeply shadowed by the illness and passing of our dearly beloved Most Worshipful Brother

Harry Woods. Besides being Assistant Librarian, M.W. Bro. Woods for many years was the secretary and mainspring of our committee. To his timely counsel and careful planning may largely be attributed the success of our efforts in the past. He was also of great assistance in the preparation and distribution of our monthly paper, "Masonry in Manitoba." Our sincere sympathy is extended to those bereaved by his passing.

Nine meetings of our Committee were held during the year. The members were generous with their time as attendance was good at all meetings. Hours of frank and fruitful discussion took place, all for the good of Freemasonry. I wish to thank them for their contributions.

At our first meeting of August 28th, the motion passed at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, ordering the publication of the Grand Historian's addresses delivered since his election to that office was brought up for action. After some discussion it was moved by M.W. Brother Douglas and carried that the printing of these addresses be deferred.

The Grand Master's motion of May 21st last year was the next item of business. The motion read as follows: "That the Committee on Research and Education approve a plan to provide instruction to candidates by issuing short pamphlets, giving instruction before initiation and on the teachings of the degrees when conferred;" and "That this committee recommends to the incoming committee the early completion of such a plan." That motion was passed by the committee and by Grand Lodge in its acceptance of the committee's annual report. After some discussion our committee decided it should act on the mandate of Grand Lodge. Accordingly a sub-committee was appointed to prepare the first pamphlet.

In due time, after several meetings and careful study of many plans used in other Grand Jurisdictions, the sub-committee submitted to the main committee the pamphlet it had prepared as an introductory message for the candidate before initiation. It was discussed at great length and at several meetings. Criticisms of the pamphlet as a whole and of certain paragraphs therein were voiced. In fact opinion seemed to crystalize that the pamphlet was not suitable. In spite of the mandate of Grand Lodge it was dropped and, as an experiment, a form letter was approved for use by lodge secretaries in advising a petitioner of his election to membership. The Grand Secretary was authorized to secure a thousand copies for this purpose.

The Committee felt that something should be done in the matter of providing instruction to incoming Masters. After much valuable discussion on the question of instruction to all lodge officers, both senior and junior, it was moved and carried that the Grand Secretary purchase ten dozen copies of a book titled, "The Masters' Assistant" and that they be distributed to all sitting masters as soon as possible with instructions as to their use. At a later meeting the Grand Secretary reported that a copy of "The Masters' Assistant" had been mailed to each lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction.

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann, acting District Deputy Grand Master in the First Masonic District, appeared before this Committee at our February meeting with a proposal for the formation of a lodge of research. He outlined the purpose, function and value of such a lodge. The committee listened with keen interest and approved of the idea. It suggested to R.W. Bro. McCann that he endeavor to gather an initial group to form a committee to explore the worthwhileness of this activity and report back to the Committee on Research and Education.

At our March meeting it was brought to our attention that, owing to the absence through illness of the Assistant Librarian the library was closed most of the time and the work on the records was in arrears. Accordingly a sub-committee of three was charged with finding a suitable person to take charge of the library temporarily until Grand Lodge Communication. After some discussion of qualifications, suitability, remuneration, etc., the sub-committee appointed V.W. Bro. Wilfred Lawson to fill the vacancy.

Our monthly paper, "Masonry in Manitoba," has gone out regularly each month free of charge to every Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction. The editor is to be commended for the high standard he has set in the subject matter treated in this publication. It has been on a very high plane, both instructive and informative. We know that it is a work of love, nevertheless it has taken much time and thought to prepare six pages of copy each month The Craft as a whole, I am sure, read the paper with great interest and benefit.

Next to the paper in the number of members affected comes the Area Meetings. This year three such meetings were held at the following strategic points: Glenwood Lodge No. 27, at Souris on May 5th, Mound Lodge No. 118, at Pilot Mound on May 13th, and Gladstone Lodge No. 11, at Gladstone on May 19th. A representative group of Grand Lodge Officers attended each meeting. The Most Worshipful Grand Master delivered inspiring and thought-provoking addresses at each meeting. The attendance was very gratifying, at Souris 172, at Pilot Mound 99 and at Gladstone 182. We wish to tender our very sincere thanks to the officers of the host lodge in each case for their contribution to the success of these meetings.

Panel discussions were held at Souris and Pilot Mound.

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan headed the discussion group at Souris, assisted by a quartet of Brandon Masons.

At Pilot Mound M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey was the key man, assisted by a group of Masters from Winnipeg.

The '44 Club of the Twelfth Masonic District, Winnipeg, presented a Masonic play titled "A Rose Upon the Altar" at Gladstone, which made a profound impression. The quality of acting and the Masonic lessons portrayed made the whole a pleasant addition to the evening's programme. Working with the blessing of this committee the '44 Club has made a valuable contribution to Freemasonry in this Province. It has presented this year's play nine times. At all presentations except Gladstone a collection was taken following the performance. The total of all collections amounted to $321.91 and was all turned in to the Grand Secretary as a donation to swell the Parcels for Britain fund.

R.W. Bro. Harry Gray, Immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District, did the casting and directed the production of the play. When he had finished his term as District Deputy Grand Master he did not retire as is the usual custom. Instead he organized the Lodge Senior and Junior Officers of his District into a class of instruction which functioned throughout this year with considerable success. This is the sort of education our Committee feels is really worth while and it is hoped that other Districts in this Grand Jurisdiction can be assisted to follow the example set by R.W. Bro. Gray in the Twelfth District. We are deeply indebted to him for this work and for his enthusiasm in the field of Masonic education.

Financially we have operated well within our budget with one exception. For comparative purposes herewith is our budget for the present year, our actual expenses and our budget for next year namely 1948-49.

	Budget 47-48	Actual	Budget 48-49
Library Fund	$1,680.00	$1,488.12	$1,800.00
Masonry in Manitoba .	$1,800.00	$1,432.57	$2,000.00
Area Meetings	$ 600.00	$ 784.12	$ 800.00

Total budget for this Committee $4,080.00 actually spent $3,704.81, budgeted for next year $4,600.00.

The expenses of the Area Meetings you will note exceeded the budget. Owing to flood conditions your Committee has been obliged to request a further grant of $200.00 to cover extraordinary expenses. We have budgeted for slight increases because, with the steadily increasing membership the cost of services rendered will rise in proportion.

In closing, may I express the Committee's thanks to M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, our Grand Secretary. When M.W. Bro. Woods could carry on no longer M.W. Bro. Pilkey stepped in to act as our Committee Secretary. He has performed promptly and faithfully all the duties assigned to him by this Committee and we are deeply grateful.

The report of the Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. George Hunter, is appended to and forms a part of this Committee's report. We also thank him sincerely for his interest in the work of the library.

Fraternally submitted,
DAVID GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

R.W. Bro. David Griffith, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education:

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother:

I beg to submit my report as Grand Librarian for the Masonic year 1947-48.

The interest in our Library has been sustained, although indeed it is still far from our objective. I reported last year that 505 books and pamphlets had been distributed. This year that number has increased to 641, an increase of 136.

Forty-three books have been added to the Library by purchase, and seven donated during the same period. We sincerely thank the donors for their gifts. These have been duly classified and entered in the Library Accession Book.

Our Librarian has been severely frustrated and inconvenienced by—might I say—the unintentional neglect of brethren who borrow books and who fail to return them within the time limits of our Library regulations. These brethren have been reminded from time to time of this serious omission on their part, without indeed, tangible results.

A survey of the books on loan is as follows:

Loaned 1944 and not returned	5
Loaned 1945 and not returned	21
Loaned 1946 and not returned	13
Loaned 1947 and not returned	99
Loaned 1948 and not returned	73
	211

I would again remind the brethren that this is their Library. Every Master Mason in good standing holds membership privileges. If you want a book on Masonic or kindred topics, write to the Librarian at the Temple, or better still call and see him. He is always available during office hours—12.00 noon to 5.00 p.m.

Young Masons should realize that Masonry is not the conferring of Degrees. This is merely a means to an end. The foundation on which the moral and spiritual edifice is to be erected. Far too many stop when that foundation has been laid. Why not enclose our moral and spiritual building with the History of Masonry. Embellish it with the philosophy of Masonry, and make it comfortable with the poetry and imagery of Masonry. Then and only then, can we enter into its full enjoyment.

The main objective of a Masonic Library is to keep Masonic knowledge in circulation. The beautiful Ritual is only the key to a vast store of most useful knowledge, which, when assimilated points to a philosophy of life, or in short, a "way of life."

Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has sustained a severe loss in the death of our Librarian, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods. He was always faithful and methodic in the discharge of his duties, richly endowed with a wonderful mental capacity, he adorned and lent dignity to every position he so ably filled. One of his finest characteristics was his high and noble sense of duty. He always exhibited a true exemplification of the Principles of Freemasonry and builded for himself in the hearts of his brethren a monument that shall long endure.

List of Books and Pamphlets distributed from the Library during the Masonic Year 1947-48:

Encyclopaedias	41
Societies and Transactions	2
History and Philosophy	162
Symbolism	160
Rites, Degrees and Manuals	57
Histories	50

General Works	10
Ceremonies	4
Art and Architecture	1
Short Talks and Essays	34
Magazines and Clippings	35
Poetry and Drama	1
Music	1
Novels and Tales	73
Miscellaneous—Non-Masonic	10
	641

GEORGE HUNTER, P.G.M.
Grand Librarian.

R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138), moved that the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education including the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70). Carried.

GREETINGS

M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan then presented greetings on behalf of his Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's report beg to submit the following:

Our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, has submitted a report giving a very clear picture of a year of marked activity in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The statistical record is interesting and shows progress throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. During the year a grand total of 1,186 increase is shown which consisted of 874 Initiations, 53 Re-instatements and 259 Affiliations. However from these figures must be deducted 459, made up of 183 demits issued, 48 suspensions for non-payment of dues and 228 by death. This makes a net increase for the year of 727 members which we believe all will agree is a very creditable showing. Total membership in this Grand Jurisdiction now stands at 12,525.

Further progress is shown by three new Lodges working under dispensation which are located in territories where it can be expected they will take their proper place in the community and add prestige to Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Our Grand Secretary reports the issuing of 91 dispensations during the year the majority of which were "To hold Joint Installations," "To attend Divine Service in Regalia." "To confer degrees after securing waivers," "To hold District Meeting," and the balance for various reasons.

Our Grand Secretary has shown an item of special interest to all in that since December 10th, 1870, until the end of the year 1947, a little longer than 78 years of organized Freemasonry in Manitoba, 25,735 Master Mason certificates have been issued and 6,443 have joined by affiliation, making a total of 32,178.

This very active year in Freemasonry in Manitoba has meant a very busy year in the Office of the Grand Secretary. For quite some time his Office was short-staffed due to illness but we are pleased to note Miss Anderson is now well on the road to recovery. Compilation of the many details necessary in the Office of our Grand Secretary entails a tremendous amount of secretarial assistance and we are pleased to note this will be forthcoming in the very near future.

This Committee, after going over the very lucid report presented by our Grand Secretary, wishes to express its thanks and appreciation on behalf of all members in this Grand Jurisdiction for the excellent work accomplished during the year which has just closed.

Respectfully submitted,
HARVEY T. WATERS,
Chairman.

On behalf of the chairman, this Report was presented by R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms (117). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Effective leadership in our Fraternity demands men of good judgment, well-skilled, and of good repute, to promulgate the great principles of our Ancient Craft, and to interpret and teach the sublime lessons contained within its age long mysteries.

The Grand Master has spent perhaps the busiest years of his life in the interests of Freemasonry and has rendered excellent service to the Order. An educationalist of outstanding ability, whose Freemasonry is of the applied type, he has brought to the performance of his duties a mind well stored with the knowledge of Freemasonry, law and usage, and with the saving grace of common sense. His instinctive sense of human relations, his love of his fellowman, his forthrightness and naturalness to his brethren, his breadth of outlook and action set him apart as an outstanding leader in Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. We commend his Address to the grateful and affectionate consideration of the Craft in Manitoba—not doubting but that his sterling qualities, his kindly philosophy and wise counsel will continue to be of untold value in the future as it has been in the past.

In these times, we face a world unsettled, when it is difficult to find our way amidst these confusions. The Grand Master has performed a difficult task in seeking to maintain in the hearts and minds of the Craft the essential equipoise, that sober conversation and sound judgment which makes for peace and harmony.

His numerous visits (Sixty-three in this Jurisdiction) accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, point to a strenuous year's work, and must have given a great impetus to Freemasonry. He carried with him the sincere regard of the Brethren, especially those who were privileged to be closely associated with him.

Fitting reference is made to the loss sustained by our Jurisdictions and neighboring Jurisdictions south of the International Boundary in the passing of eminent brethren who had distinguished themselves in promoting goodwill and international friendship. In this reference the Grand Master, by implication indicates that Freemasonry stretches hands across every boundary and that it greets every flag that flies over just and upright men.

We commend the Grand Master's kindly reference to those members of this Grand Jurisdiction who have reached the half century mark of continuous Masonic endeavor and who received medals and official recognition at the hands of the Grand Master or his deputy.

The Grand Master reports a sustained interest in the District Meetings as evidenced by the large attendance and carefully prepared programmes. He, however, points out an annual weakness, in, that the District Officers depend too much on the Grand Lodge Officers to carry the programme. We concur in his suggestions that District Deputy Grand Masters should endeavor to remedy this weakness.

The Grand Master was generous in his praise of the brethren of the '44 Club and of the excellent results obtained by the promoters of the "Area Meetings." In this, your Committee heartily concurs.

We rejoice at the honor, so richly deserved, conferred upon the Grand Master by the daughter Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Your Committee is in thorough accord with the Grand Master's reference to the "Western Conference." This Conference serves a useful purpose in pooling ideas for the orderly operation of Grand Lodges, and, as far as possible, uniformity of procedure.

The Grand Master shows an intimate knowledge of conditions within his own Jurisdiction and witholds no commendation where such is due, nor does he hesitate to call attention to any infractions of Masonic Law and Usage. He believes that Masonic Laws are made to be observed and not evaded by Dispensation or otherwise and he recommends that a detailed and systematic study of the Constitution by Lodge Officers is not only desirable but necessary; with this philosophy, your Committee heartily agrees, and, we recommend approval by Grand Lodge of all his Official Acts.

It is with pardonable pride that the Grand Master refers to the Institution of three new Lodges. It is his ardent hope that these Lodges may catch the real vision of their mission in the communities in which they operate and that they may fulfill their obligations to their God, their country and their fellowmen by becoming mediums of service. We heartily join with the Grand Master in his hopes for their Masonic prosperity. We heartily approve of the remarks of the Grand Master about our responsibilities towards the novitiate and other members. This seems to be his great concern. He feels that we should be more concerned with teaching our Principles than raising a large number of candidates. An investigation into the apathy of a large percentage of our members may be due to a lack of comprehension of the Philosophy of Freemasonry and that time should be found for an explanation of the meaning of many things which every Freemason should know. We endorse his hopes that the plans of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, with the help of the District Deputy Grand Masters, may bear fruit.

The Grand Master's report on the Lodges under his direct supervision where "the warmth of brotherhood and goodwill was outstanding" is very encouraging indeed. "Though cut off from contact with other Lodges, they are doing work that is not surpassed by any other Lodge in this Jurisdiction." The brethren of these Lodges at the outposts of our Province, in the opinion of the Grand Master have a great opportunity for service. They can show that Freemasonry is a life to be lived, not a formality to be perfunctorily observed, not a set of empty creeds to which lip service is given, but a life organized in morality, mellowed in friendship and dedicated to service.

We rejoice with the Grand Master at the evidences of loyalty shown by the Brethren on every occasion. It was the Grand Master's good fortune to find these conditions obtaining.

Our greatest asset and our best guarantee for the future is the love and loyalty of our members. It is only because we have confidence in each other and are inspired in all our endeavors by the spirit of goodwill and the desire to co-operate that Freemasonry can become an effective instrument in improving human relationships. The Grand Master refers, with pride, to the very fine effort of the Brethren in raising $25,000 for Food Parcels for England and Scotland. We rejoice with the Grand Master in this very fine achievement for humanitarian purposes, and believe he has been paid his Masonic wages by the consciousness that our resources, when challenged, never fail and that the fountains of our Masonic Charity never run dry.

In conclusion, it is our special privilege to recommend that this Grand Lodge expresses its appreciation for the detailed and clarified report of the M.W. the Grand Master, which so forcibly impresses upon us his exalted sense of duty in the performance of the task imposed upon him. We feel that we are deeply indebted to him for the conscientious manner in which he fulfilled his trust and he is to be highly commended for the time and talent contributed by him in his work. He has done a noble work, and we feel that it is the prayer of this Grand Lodge, that the rising sun of his usefulness may grow in ever increasing splendor until the Great Master of Life shall call him to that higher pleasure and universal service provided in the Great Hereafter.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE HUNTER,
Chairman.

This Report was presented by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your committee on Investments begs to report for the year ended March 31st, 1948, as follows:

The Bond and War Savings Certificate investments of the Grand Lodge increased during the year by $34,178.75, from $319,330.90, in 1947, to $353,508.75, in 1948.

The par value of Dominion of Canada Bonds held by Grand Lodge shows an increase of $39,000.00. This increase was brought about by:

The Sale, December 1947, of Greater Winnipeg Water District Bonds par value, $15,000.00, due May 1st, 1952, 5% at $125.50, proceeds $18,825.00.

The Purchase, January 1948, of Dominion of Canada Bonds par value, $20,000.00 due, $10,000—1963, $5,000—1966, $5,000—1962, 3% at 102⅛	$20,000.00
The Purchase, April 1947, of Dominion of Canada Bonds par value, $10,000, due 1966, 3% at $105.00	$10,000.00
The Purchase April 1947, of Dominion of Canada Bonds par value, $10.000, due 1966, 3% at $105.00	$10,000.00
Total purchased	$40,000.00
Less Dominion of Canada Bond called for redemption	$ 1,000.00
Net Increase of Dominion of Canada Bonds	$39,000.00

On march 20th, 1948, your Committee sold Dominion of Canada Bonds of a par value of $11,000.00, due 1956, 3% at 103⅛ and purchased the same day, Dominion of Canada Bonds of a par value of $11,000.00, due 1962—3% at 100⅜. The profit on this transaction was $385.68.

It also purchased Canadian National Railway Bonds, par value, $10,000.00 due 1967, 2¾% at 101.625, increasing our investment in C.N.R. Bonds to $18,000.00.

Mortgage loans have decreased during the year from $8,250.00, to $6,800.00. One mortgage was paid in full. The only remaining mortgage, now amounting to $6,800.00 is in good standing. Interest and principal repayments are being promptly and regularly made.

It will be noted that the par value of the Dominion of Canada Bonds of the Beneficiary Fund has been reduced from $49,000.00 last year to $48,000.00 this year. This reduction was caused by a Dominion of Canada Bond being called for redemption, as previously stated in this report.

Your Committee recommends that all bonds be transferred from the safety deposit box in which they are now held to the custody of the bank for safekeeping. The bank will of course make a charge for the service. This change is recommended for several reasons. First, the bank assumes no liability for the safety of the bonds kept in its safety deposit boxes. They are kept in the safety deposit box at our own risk.

If deposited with the bank for safekeeping, it assumes full responsibility for their safety, and in addition clips interest coupons as they come due, depositing the proceeds to the credit of the Grand Lodge. The constant checking of the bonds is eliminated. A statement can always be obtained from the bank, giving details of the bonds it is holding on Grand Lodge's account.

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL BURRITT,
Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman, M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (114) the Report was presented by the Grand Secretary, moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114) that the Report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1). Carried.

GREETINGS

Greetings to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Manitoba were then presented by R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Finance begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee on Finance, during the year just closed has given careful supervision in all matters relating to the General Fund of Grand Lodge. Your Committee met regularly each month to examine and pass for payment all accounts billed through the Grand Secretary.

The following statement of Income and Expenditures follow, as at March 31st, 1948:

Income Budgeted	$18,270.00
Income Actual	21,091.93
Expenditures Budgeted	17,710.00
Expenditures Actual	20,985.51
Net Income for year over Expenditures	106.42
Surplus as at March 31st, 1948	17,037.08

The increase in Revenue realized during the year made it unnecessary to take from 1947 surplus the sum of $3,685.00 as reported in the 1947 report. In addition, the several Committees were able to carry out their programme of activities, and for the coming year these activities will be added to—all in the interest and benefit of Freemasonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

It will be noted that expenditures for 1948-1949 are estimated slightly higher than the actual for the year 1947-1948, in the amount of $214.49 as shown in the detail statement, making it necessary in order to balance the Budget, to take from surplus the sum of $2,870.00. As a further explanation for the increase in expenditures estimated over actual for 1947-1948 the amount of $1,300.00 was turned over to Grand Lodge for Parcels for Britain Fund, which action was approved by the Board.

It will be further noted that your Committee deem it advisable to increase the item of salaries for the Grand Secretary's Office to an amount of $7,000.00 as additional staff is required at certain periods of the year due to increased activities of the several Committees.

Your Committee also wishes to express their most sincere regret in the passing of R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, our Grand Treasurer, a member of long standing of your Finance Committee, whose wise counsel and advice on matters pertaining to Grand Lodge Funds was most valuable.

In conclusion your Committee wish to express their sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary for assistance, and for the efficient manner in which he has carried out his duties as Secretary of the Finance Committee, also our thanks to the members of his staff who have been most co-operative at all times.

Statement of approximate Income and Expenditures for the year ending March 31st, 1949, is submitted for your consideration.

HARRY CODDINGTON,
Chairman.

The Report was presented by the Chairman, R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1) who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. A. Huddlestone (137). Carried.

GREETINGS

M.W. Bro. Harry Gill, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota then presented greetings. Also M.W. Bro. R. R. Twamley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, both expressing in their own ways how much they appreciated and enjoyed the Sessions of this Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE BUDGET 1948-1949

Income	Budget 1947	Actual 1947	Budget 1948
Dues	$15,000.00	$17,189.75	$16,000.00
Initiations	1,400.00	1,766.00	1,400.00
M.M. Certificates	1,200.00	1,679.00	1,200.00
P.M. Certificates	75.00	70.00	70.00
L.M. Certificates	60.00	92.00	70.00
Dispensations	35.00	56.00	40.00
Bond Interest		239.18	250.00
Supplies	500.00		300.00
	$18,270.00	$21,091.93	$19,330.00
Expenditures			
Salaries	$ 6,500.00	$ 6,244.37	$ 7,000.00
Rent	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Postage and Excise Stamp Tax	350.00	375.52	375.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	600.00	729.30	600.00
Expense Grand Master	800.00	540.35	800.00
Expense Grand Secretary	300.00	773.88	400.00
and Grand Lodge Officers	500.00		600.00
Area Meetings	600.00	617.05	800.00
M.M. Certificates	100.00	106.38	105.00
Board Members' Expense	1,100.00	362.25	800.00
Library Maintenance	1,680.00	1,488.12	1,700.00
Food Parcels to Britain		1,122.25	
Masonry in Manitoba (paper)	1,800.00	1,432.57	2,000.00
Supplies for Sale		1,438.29	500.00
Regalia Grand Master	375.00	242.47	375.00
Regalia Cleaning (G.L. Officers)	400.00	154.36	100.00
Masonic Research and Education		24.15	25.00
Unemployment Insurance	50.00	38.16	50.00
Exchange	30.00	30.90	30.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	4.065.14	4,665.00
P.M. Certificates	50.00		
Insurance	75.00		75.00
	$17,710.00	$20,985.51	$22,200.00

Miscellaneous	Budget 1947	Actual 1947	Budget 1948
Proceedings and Financial Statement	$ 800.00	$ 765.42	$ 1,200.00
Grand Lodge Communication	900.00	1,042.34	1,300.00
Audit	200.00	200.00	200.00
Telephone and Telegraph	125.00	125.61	125.00
Travelling (Banff Conference)	500.00	262.42	400.00
Travelling (All-Canada Conference)	350.00	240.17	300.00
Flowers	100.00	62.85	150.00
Christmas Expenses		96.16	
Chairs (Board Room)	515.00	564.00	
Masonic Relief Association U.S. and Canada		55.66	60.00
Warning Circulars	35.00	17.28	25.00
Lists of Lodges		19.30	25.00
Safety Deposit Box		15.00	15.00
Typewriter Inspection		26.65	40.00
Fenwick U.D.	500.00		500.00
Newdale U.D.		39.50	
Rice Lake U.D.			
Instituting, 1947		99.15	
Constituting, 1948		290.00	
List of Officers and Committees		27.81	25.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	115.82	300.00
	$4,325.00	$4,065.14	$4,665.00

Estimated Expenditure		22,200.00
Estimated Income	19,330.00	
Taken from surplus to balance	2,870.00	
		22,200.00

Surplus March 31st, 1948	17,037.08	
Less amount to balance	2,870.00	
Anticipated Surplus March 31st, 1949		14,167.08

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR EFFORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Special Committee on War Effort begs to report as follows:

The War Effort Fund has to its credit the sum of $11,675.71 as shown by the financial statement of Grand Lodge. During the year just passed no disbursements have been made from the Fund.

Unfortunately, civil conditions in continental Europe and elsewhere have not yet become stabilized, and there is still no certainty that the assistance we might give in the re-establishment of the work of the Craft in these areas would assure that measure of permanency which we should require before making expenditures from the Fund.

It is recommended, therefore, that until there is greater assurance of actual peace in these areas making possible the proper functioning of Lodges therein, the moneys presently at credit of the War Effort Fund be retained, but with the understanding that as soon as such moneys can be safely and effectively used for the betterment of Lodges outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, the moneys be then so used.

Fraternally submitted,

BEN. C. PARKER,
Chairman.

This report was presented on behalf of M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) by the Grand Secretary, who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Neville (1). Carried.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSIONS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Bingham Donnelly then presented the Commission, as Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge to W. Bro. Bernard Warkentin (112), Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

To R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes (71) a Commission, as the Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

MASONIC DISTRICTS

It was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114) and seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) that the present boundaries of the several Masonic Districts remain as at present, for the year 1948-1949.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Thos. Neville (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. N. Cameron (90), that the Grand Secretary be requested to extend to Mrs. Harry Woods, Mrs. Alex. Burgess and Mrs. J. J. Lyon the sympathy of this Grand Lodge in their great bereavement. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcements were made and the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry Bingham Donnelly called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 4.15 p.m., to reconvene at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the final Session.

Thursday, June 3rd, 1948

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Distinguished Guests assembled for procession at 7.50 p.m., and proceeded to the Grand Lodge singing the Processional Hymn, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry Bingham Donnelly, then called Grand Lodge from Refreshment to Labor at 8.00 p.m., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 103 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, and 3 Lodges Under Dispensation.

Eighty-seven Lodges represented by one or more of their three Principal Officers; 19 Lodges unrepresented, namely:

King Solomon Lodge No. 8
Birtle Lodge No. 39
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44
Glenboro Lodge No. 48
Killarney Lodge No. 50
Treherne Lodge No. 51
Gothic Lodge No. 75
Cypress Lodge No. 82
Elgin Lodge No. 86
Midlothian Lodge No. 90
Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92
Strathclair Lodge No. 106
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110
Rivers Lodge No. 115
Roblin Lodge No. 122
Patricia Lodge No. 125
Favel Lodge No. 126
Victory Lodge No. 128
Cartwright Lodge No. 150

Ninety-three Lodges have one or more Past Masters present and six have neither Past Master nor Officers present, namely:

Birtle Lodge No. 39
Cypress Lodge No. 82
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110
Roblin Lodge No. 122
Favel Lodge No. 126
Cartwright Lodge No. 150

Past Masters	437	
Worshipful Masters	69	
Senior Wardens	55	
Junior Wardens	41	
		602
Registered:		
Master Masons	72	
Visitors	21	
		93
Total		695

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. GRANT,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3) who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93). Carried.

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	1	16	19
2	Lisgar			1	10	11
3	Ancient Landmark	1		1	10	12
4	St. John's	1	1		12	14
6	Emerson	1	1	1	4	7
7	Assiniboine	1	1	1	7	10
8	King Solomon				2	2
10	Northern Light	1	1	1	7	10
11	Gladstone	1			6	7
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	8	11
13	Morden	1	1		5	7
14	Prince of Wales	1		1	3	5
15	Corinthian	1				1
19	Brandon	1	1	1	4	7
24	Neepawa	1	1		5	7
25	Ionic	1	1	1	13	16
27	Glenwood	1	1		2	4
29	Carberry	1	1		6	8
30	Manitou	1	1		1	3
36	Doric	1			1	2
39	Birtle					
40	Deloraine			1	2	3
43	Lebanon	1			5	6
44	Oak Lake				2	2
48	Glenboro				4	4
49	Temple		1	1	5	7
50	Killarney				1	1
51	Treherne				2	2
52	Hartney		1		2	3
54	Oriental	1	1		3	5
55	East Star	1			2	3
62	Russell	1				1
63	Holland	1	1	1	1	4
64	Composite	1	1		3	5
67	Wawanesa	1		1	2	4
68	Vermillion	1	1		2	4
70	Shiloh	1	1		6	8
71	Crystal	1			4	5
74	Elkhorn			1		1
75	Gothic				5	5
77	Napinka	1			3	4
82	Cypress					
84	Hamiota	1	1		1	3
86	Elgin				4	4
87	Rathwell		1		2	3

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
90	Midlothian				5	5
92	Shoal Lake				1	1
93	King Edward		1	1	12	14
94	Hiram		1		1	2
100	Robbie Burns			1	1	2
101	Binscarth	1		1		2
102	Miniota	1	1		5	7
103	Crescent			1	5	6
104	Reston	1	1	1	3	6
105	Prince Arthur	1			3	4
106	Strathclair				2	2
107	Lansdowne	1	1		10	12
108	Union		1		2	3
109	Swan Lake	1			2	3
110	Kilwinning					
111	Acacia	1	1		13	15
112	Ophir		1		3	4
113	Tweed	1	1		5	7
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1		8	10
115	Rivers				1	1
116	St. Andrew's			1	6	7
117	Strathcona		1		4	5
118	Mound	1			1	2
119	Norwood	1	1	1	6	9
120	Penza	1	1		7	9
121	St. James	1	1	1	12	15
122	Roblin					
123	Transcona	1	1		12	14
124	The Pas	1			2	3
125	Patricia				1	1
126	Favel					
127	Empire	1	1	1	6	9
128	Victory				1	1
130	Fort Garry	1		1	10	12
131	Kildonan	1	1	1	8	11
132	Sprague	1	1		1	3
133	McCreary		1	1	1	3
134	Stony Mountain		1	1	5	7
136	Capitol	1	1	1	4	7
137	Lord Selkirk	1			5	6
138	Windsor	1	1		6	8
139	Beaver	1		1	8	10
140	Meridian	1	1	1	12	15
141	Tuscan	1	1	1	6	9
142	Harmony		1	1	2	4

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
143	Mt. Sinai	1	1	1	12	15
144	Fort Osborne	1		1	3	5
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	1	1	3	6
146	Fidelity	1	1		9	11
147	Jubilee	1				1
148	Seven Oaks	1	1	1	2	5
150	Cartwright					
151	The Dormer	1	1	1	7	10
152	Foxwarren	1			1	2
153	Flin Flon	1	1		1	3
154	Pine Falls		1		1	2
155	Carman	1	1	1	4	7
156	Manitouwapa	1		1	2	4
U.D.	Rice Lake	1				1
U.D.	Fenwick	1		1	1	3
U.D.	Newdale	1				1
	Totals	69	55	41	437	602

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

First of all, let me tender my sincere apologies for my absence from the last Communication of Grand Lodge; and allow me to express my gratitude and appreciation of the many greetings accompanied by flowers which I received in hospital at that time. As your Grand Chaplain for the past two years I have had the opportunity of accompanying the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on many of his official visits, and have thoroughly enjoyed the performance of such Service to the Craft as the opportunities have afforded.

Today, I wish to address myself to you on the subject of "The Religion of Freemasonry." Grant, in his "True Principles of Freemasonry," says, "Freemasonry is not a Church; it arrogates not to itself the rights of the Church in the regulation of the conduct and daily religious life of those upon whom it has shed its light."

Freemasonry not only does not impose any stated religious beliefs upon its followers, but outside of the one great primal injunction to love God, it leaves them absolute freedom of religious thought; earnestly insisting that such individual rights shall in no wise be interfered with, or abridged.

Freemasonry insists that for his belief and utterance of such beliefs, the man who at the Altars of the Masonic Craft has taken the Obligation of Freemasonry shall be responsible to God, and to God alone! Only for the uprightness, and not for the rightness of a man's opinions is Freemasonry concerned.

Freemasonry is cumulatively constructive. It builds slowly, and ever increasingly earnestly, upon such substructions as it finds on the entrance of the man into the area of

Masonic influence. It puts its faith in ideals and character construction, rather than ecclesiastical machinery. It believes in personal liberty as extended to thought, speech, and deeds.

Within the limitations of love, brotherly kindness, and tolerance, it encourages spiritual growth, individualism in moral and ethical directions, subordinating mere outward formal ceremonial to this end; that men may, on stepping-stones of dead and gone evils, rise to spiritual heights never before attained. "Love thy neighbour as thyself" is only second to the other great Commandment given by the Great Artificer, "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind."

A firm belief in the Divine Being, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, stands as the foundation rock of Freemasonry. From it, as a fundamental, have come the sublime teachings which it breathes through lecture and prayer, through symbols and illustrations. Some of the great and insistant teachings are the doctrines that the Holy Bible is the first Great Light in Masonry; that Heaven is ever present with us, as the presence of God is with us here and now; that man is the manifestation of the outpouring of Divine Love in bodily form. As long as man has aspirations, as far into the shadowy future as man seeks for spiritual direction and guidance, as far ahead as mortal sense can penetrate, one can feel and know that Freemasonry will be attendant upon him to fulfill aspirations, to direct his searchings for truth, and give to him the heavenly manna which his soul ever craves in the wilderness of sin and error of his earthly wanderings.

This is so because, even as Operative Masonry is applied Geometry, so, Freemasonry is applied religion. Operative Masonry never can become Geometry; neither can Speculative Masonry become Religion. Religion aims to convert and redeem; and to that end opens her doors to the halt, the the maimed, and the blind: but, Freemasonry only admits within her portals those who through the operation of religion, either directly or indirectly, have become "Sound and of Good Report."

This is emphasized in the mode of questioning to which the candidate is submitted before he ever sets foot inside the door of the Lodge. And again, while he is still on his knees, which position he has been directed to assume by the Worshipful Master. "In whom do you put your trust" can only be answered aright by one who has been religiously trained or subscribed to. When the answer has been given to the satisfaction of Masonic requirements, then the Craft takes hold, and instructs the candidate in the Arts and Sciences of application, how to glorify God in whom he already believes, that mankind may see his work and read in it the evidence of the Divine Power, and then be led to seek in that same light, that same Power.

No Freemason should substitute Lodge for Church. His church life should, instead of being curtailed by his Lodge membership, be the more full and earnest because of his Masonic affiliation. The Army of the Church should be the stronger, more aggressive in its onslaught against organized evil, because of the Masonic obligations binding those of its members belonging to the Masonic Craft, not only to each other, but through its power to the Church of his choice.

Solomon's Temple is the great example of this idea. Because of the depth of his religious experience, Solomon caused a Temple to be built to God's honour and glory. In actual experience, the building was erected by the united labours of the nation. Some going to the camps of prepartion, others assembling the contributed parts as they arrived and were found worthy of incorporation. But when it was finished it was not merely a monument of the nation's appreciation, or that of the King; it was the House of God, the Gate of Heaven, the place where the nation would gather to meet and commune with God: Where, as families, they would bring the fruits of life to be sanctified in sacrifice, or sharing with God. In closing, Brethren, I claim that the Religion of Freemasonry is that belief in God which must of necessity underlie all our search and research as well as our labours of expression.

Love thy neighbour, is to be found in all the angles of life: The nearer we get to the centre, the more are we able to comprehend and appreciate the one and perform the other. When at last we do reach the centre we hope to see the perfection of both as manifested in each: THAT TRUE FELLOWSHIP WHICH DID EXIST BETWEEN GOD AND MAN: THAT WHICH WAS LOST.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, (70), seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) that the appreciation of Grand Lodge of the Address of the Grand Chaplain be shown by the brethren and that the same be recorded in the Proceedings.

The Grand Lodge expressed regret at the departure of R.W. Bro. Syms and wished him every success in his new field of labor.

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTIONS, 1948-1949

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the Annual Election of Officers and eight members to the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Walter Clifton McDonald was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Harry Coddington was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of Charles E. Cole was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN five names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

George P. Fairbairn
Hugh A. Innes
Hugh MacKenzie
Charles A. Midwinter
John James Sinclair

The number of ballots cast was 582 of which 581 were valid. (1 was spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 291. Brother Innes received the necessary quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of W. Percy White was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY the name of Peter T. Pilkey was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Joseph E. Cooper
Roy S. Montgomery

The number of ballots cast was 578 of which 572 were valid. (6 were spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 287. Brother Montgomery received the necessary quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES two names were submitted in nomination:

R. Frank Bingham
Sydney A. Foreman

The number of ballots cast was 579 of which 574 were valid. (5 were spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 288. Brother Foreman received the necessary quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

J. Russell Fraser
John James Henderson

The number of ballots cast was 583 of which 577 were valid. (6 were spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 290. Brother Henderson received the necessary quota.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES thirteen names were submitted for eight vacancies (two year term) i.e.:

Harry H. Gray
David Griffith
J. Ferguson Irwin
Gordon A. McMorran
Fred W. Piper
Robert W. Ross

Kenneth R. Kennedy
David Milliken
Robert M. Muckle
Murdo MacLean
Stephen J. Sametz
A. E. Thompson
James Wardrope

The number of ballots cast was 583 of which 579 were valid (4 were spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 65. The following named brethren received the required quota or an equivalent to elect.

1. Harry H. Gray
2. David Griffith
3. J. F. Irwin
4. Kenneth R. Kennedy
5. Murdo MacLean
6. R. M. Muckle
7. Gordon A. McMorran
8. James Wardrope

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District the name of Robert E. Emmett was the only one submitted in nomination.

Second Masonic District the name of Wilfred J. McGregor was the only one submitted in nomination.

Third Masonic District the name of Hugh Irwin Skinner was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fourth Masonic District the name of George Edward Cox was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fifth Masonic District the name of Andrew Dick Russell was the only one submitted in nomination.

Sixth Masonic District the name of James McDole was the only one submitted in nomination.

Seventh Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

James W. Broatch
David George McMillan

The number of ballots cast was 42 of which 41 were valid. (1 was spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 22. Brother Broatch received the required quota.

Eighth Masonic District the name of William Earl Glover was the only one submitted in nomination.

Ninth Masonic District the name of Arthur L. Wrye was the only one submitted in nomination.

Tenth Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Lewis E. Gendron Edward Melhuish

The number of ballots cast was 77 of which 77 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 40. Brother Gendron received the required quota.

Twelfth Masonic District the name of Abraham E. Weidman was the only one submitted in nomination.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

The Report was presented by the Chairman M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who moved that the Report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93). Carried.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly thanked M.W. Bro. Douglas and his Committee for their fine work regarding the elections and declared the several Officers of Grand Lodge and the members of the Board of General Purposes duly elected, in terms of the Committee's Report.

MOTION RE HONORARY RANK

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Once upon a time, it was my privilege to serve as the chairman of a committee on the revision of the constitution of this Grand Lodge. That committee was responsible for at least one amendment, which has survived the critics' bark and the cynics' ban and has met with the general approval of the brethren. I refer to the provision that empowers this Grand Lodge to confer Honorary Rank, upon such brethren, as it deems worthy of that mark of our favor. The result is, that through the succeeding years, this Grand Body has been privileged to honor many distinguished brethren, in a dignified and fitting manner for their signal offerings to the good of the Craft and their friendship and goodwill towards this Grand Lodge.

This year, to use our Western parlance, we have got ourselves a mallard in the person of M.W. Bro. William James Dunlop, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. Time will not permit, nor is it necessary that I elaborate here, on the many high offices that he has so ably filled in the Lodges of Freemasonry, nor on the outstanding contribution he has made to the welfare of our beloved Craft. Those, who heard his eloquent and inspiring address at the luncheon hour today, need no other or better recommendation of his title, to the highest honours, that we can bestow. M.W. Bro. Dunlop is truly a leader in the Craft and a Ruler in Israel. We are delighted to recognize his high Masonic stature, his intellectual attainments and his warm affection for the Brethren of this Grand Lodge, by the gift to him of the highest honor that we are able to bestow.

It is with pleasure therefore, that I now move that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., do hereby confer upon Most Worshipful Brother William James Dunlop, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Moved by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140). Seconded by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25). Carried.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry Bingham Donnelly, in a word of thanks for co-operation and faithfulness in the performance of duties during his year of Office then presented Certificates to the District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Masonic Districts, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, and to each of the Appointed Officers, conferring on each of these the appropriate past rank of their respective Offices.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

The hymn, ''O Master Let Me Walk With Thee'' was then sung.

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan was called upon to act in the capacity of Grand Installing Officer. He was ably assisted by R.W. Bro. John J. Bannerman, as Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

M.W. Bro. Donovan who had assumed the gavel from the retiring Grand Master, referred to the responsibility of the task he was about to undertake. He made feeling reference to the loss Grand Lodge had sustained in the passing of M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, who, for so many years had performed this ceremony with dignity and solemnity. It was with great temerity that he attempted to follow him; at the same time, he felt that it was an honor to be asked to perform this duty in M.W. Bro. Woods' stead, and would do his best to emulate the good works of his noble predecessor.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, were duly installed and invested in office, with the exception of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Historian, who were re-elected to their respective Grand Lodge Offices:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1948-1949

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)	Roland
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7)	Portage la Prairie
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery (2)	Selkirk
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102)	St. James
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. Clarence Hyde (7)	Portage la Prairie
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. Mitchell Cobban (25)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. Jas. M. Sinclair (106)	Strathclair
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. Wm. Howie (124)	The Pas
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. Ben. Warkentin (112)	Beausejour
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139)	Winnipeg
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130)	Winnipeg

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett (121)	St. James
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Wilfred J. McGregor (11)	Gladstone
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Hugh I. Skinner (109)	Altamont
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PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. Harry Bingham Donnelly, retiring Grand Master then completed the investiture of the newly Elected Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter Clifton McDonald by presenting him with a Grand Master's Apron on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald then addressed the Immediate Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, expressing the thanks of the brethren of Grand Lodge for the eminent manner in which he had carried out the duties of the Grand Master's Office; in the performance of these responsibilities, the brethren of the whole Jurisdiction were greatly edified by his sane and heart-searching messages. In token of the esteem and affection of the members of Grand Lodge he presented to M.W. Brother Donnelly, a Past Grand Master's Jewel.

M.W. Bro. McDonald then addressed a few words to Grand Lodge, in which he thanked Grand Lodge for the confidence they had placed in him and assured the brethren of his earnest efforts to discharge his many duties to the best of his ability.

M.W. Bro. McDonald thanked the Grand Installing Officer, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, and the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman for the impressive way in which they had conducted the Installation Ceremony.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

It was moved by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P. T Pilkey, seconded by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly that this Grand Lodge record its appreciation and sincere gratitude to the following, who have willingly and cheerfully contributed so largely to the success of this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and thereby added to the comfort and enjoyment of all:

1. To our visitors from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, who by their presence among us and by the cordiality and sincerity of their greetings have assured us of the great fellowship of Freemasonry.

2. To the Management of the Fort Garry Hotel and to the members of the staff who have been so glad to contribute to our comfort in so many ways.

3. To the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Elections and the members of his staff, who have done a stupendous task, with assiduity, efficiency, and with exemplary sacrifice and diligence, we acknowledge our indebtedness to them for this fine service to our Grand Lodge.

4. And to all others who have contributed in any way to the success of this, our Annual Communication.

CLOSING HYMN

"Unto the Hills Around, do I lift up my Longing Eyes."

The business of the Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, having been completed, Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form by the newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Walter C. McDonald, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. E. A. Sym at 10.10 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

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Grand Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST

FOR THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

The following form of Bequest may be used by any Brother desiring to bequeath any sum for the benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge:

"I give unto my Executor or Executors the sum of ....($) upon trust to pay the same to the Grand Secretary for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, for the purposes and benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the said Grand Lodge, and I declare that the receipt for such sum, of the said Grand Secretary shall be an absolute discharge for such payment.

....Signed."

The Lodge Secretary will bring this to the attention of the brethren either at the Lodge Meeting or in the Monthly Notice.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

Brethren are reminded of the facilities offered by the Grand Lodge Library for increasing their Masonic knowledge. Travelling sets of books, specially arranged for the use of country Lodges, are available, and individual country members can have books posted to them.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Librarian, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I have the honor to submit to you for your approval my report as your acting representative for the First Masonic District, for the year 1947-1948.

R. W. Bro. Fletcher Argue, Ionic Lodge No. 25, elected as District Deputy Grand Master, appointed W. Bro. Norman Nagle, of "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, as District Secretary; W. Bro. James Wylie, St. James Lodge No. 121, as Chaplain; These brethren with V. W. Bro. W. Percy White, St. John's Lodge No. 4, who was elected District Treasurer, constituted the District Officers for the year.

As R. W. Bro. Argue was confined to his home all winter through illness, you, Sir, requested me to carry on for the year in his place, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. James Wardrope and R. W. Bro. Hugh Innes, which we consented to do under the circumstances and out of our deep respect for our faithful and excellent brother.

In order that the several Masters may become better acquainted and have an opportunity of assisting each other in solving their various problems, I held two supper meetings in the Temple, one on September 8th, 1947, and January 27th, 1948, to which all Masters, Wardens and Secretaries were invited. At these meetings all important problems were brought up and discussed, also the program of the District Meeting was arranged. The attendance was excellent and a real interest shown. I am of the opinion that these meetings were of great benefit to all concerned, as they brought together the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries and gave them an excellent opportunity for interchange of ideas.

My official visits were made as follows:

1947, October 7, Tuesday,
"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.
October 8, Wednesday, St. James Lodge No. 121.
October 9, Thursday,. . .Norwood Lodge, No. 119.
October 15, Wednesday, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
October 27, Monday,. . . . . .Empire Lodge No. 127.
1948, January 5, Monday,. . . . . .Ionic Lodge No. 25.
January 19, Monday,
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

January 20, Tuesday, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
February 4, Wednesday, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
February 11, Wednesday, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
February 19, Thursday,
Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

On all my official visits I was accompanied by a large number of Masters, Wardens and some Grand Lodge Officers, and was always received with Grand Honors and given a very cordial welcome. On every occasion I was assured of the very high esteem and affection in which you are held by the respective lodges, all of which was very evident. I only witnessed degree work on two of my official visits, as I expressed a desire that regular meetings be left for other important matters, such as instruction of the brethren in Masonic matters and Masonic addresses. This can be done very well in this District, as all lodges have emergent nights for degree work. Two of the official visits were taken by R.W. Bro. James Wardrope, to Norwood Lodge No. 119 and R.W. Bro. Hugh Innes to St. James Lodge No. 121, which was a great help at that time.

On my official visits I delivered to each lodge a different address on some appropriate Masonic subject, which was well received and close attention was given. These subjects are reported in the different lodge reports. I made a second visit to most lodges to witness degree work, which was well done, here I spoke to the candidates for a few minutes on their responsibility to the Craft and to themselves, now as they were Masons they had received a new light in respect to their Fellowman.

In addition to my visits to the lodges, I attended a number of special meetings such as "Canadian Night" of "The Assiniboine" Lodge; "Manitoba Night," St. John's Lodge; "Irish Night." King Edward Lodge; "New Years Reception" New Years Day, Norwood Lodge. With the Grand Master at the Institution of "Fenwick Lodge." Brandon, under dispensation; District Meeting No. 12; as well as several "At Homes." Banquets and "Ladies Nights" which were very fine affairs of a high order and served a very special Masonic purpose.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening October 28, 1947, at eight o'clock sharp. It was well attended and great interest shown. Important matters were brought up and discussed, viz., (1) Impressions and reactions of the newly made Mason to the Craft—opened by Bro. C. N. Halstead, a young Mason. A good discussion followed by other young Masons; (2) Investigation of candidates and the responsibility of the sponsors to the newly made Mason,—by R. W. Bro. John J. Bannerman, both subjects were well prepared. I wish now to congratulate these brethren for the manner in which they approached their subjects, also give them credit for a successful meeting. The evening was crowned a real success by your own gracious presence, Most Worshipful Sir, and the very excellent message you gave, which we all very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Observations—(1) Regular Meetings:—In the City Lodges this should be the important meeting of the month. Outside of business, it should be filled with a program of instruction of a Masonic nature, as it is the only place our young brethren can receive instruction in the teachings and Principles of the Craft, unless they have a special Study or Research Group like one lodge does, and they should be encouraged to do some special research on their own and bring their findings to Lodge which would be an inspiration to all members.

(2) Investigation—At present there is lots of room for improvement in investigation of new applicants. It is not nearly thorough enough. When whole slates of applicants are rejected at the ballot and when objections come in the second time, which has happened lately, and not thoroughly gone into, it shows laxness on the part of Masters and those responsible for the investigation. All, and I say all, objections and doubts should be carefully considered and applications held in abeyance until absolutely favourable before the ballot is taken, especially in these days of trouble when we must be on the alert and scrutinize every application with greater care than ever before.

(3) The Master's Page—I would like to see a Master's Page in every lodge notice. This is a great opportunity to give all the brethren a real message each month, especially to the out of town members and those at home who are unable to come to lodge, in fact we owe them this service. Three lodges in the District now have this page and it serves a fine Masonic Principle which should not be neglected.

(4) New Masons—From September 1st, 1944, to March 31st, 1947, we have received into our lodges in this District alone 268 new members between 21 and 35 years of age, further, between the dates of April 1st, 1947, to March 31st, 1948, we have received an additional 100 new members between these ages making a total of of 368. Here is a great opportunity to make real masons for the future in spirit as well as name. They are young and have receptive minds. At present what are we offering them besides Degree work? It is the Duty of each Master of his Lodge to see that they are taught the Ideals of a true Mason. It can be done only by addresses on Masonic topics or research on the part of the young Mason himself, then in turn giving their find-

ings back to lodge, which is not only instructive but inspiring. This takes time and work on the part of the Master and his officers, and no man should take office unless he is ready to do his share in such a work. As the influence of the Craft is great and noble as we move among other men of the community and Country and as Masons we should be prepared as in these times it is extremely necessary.

We held our Annual Divine Service this year in Grace United Church, Sunday morning, April 4th, at 11.00 o'clock. I read the lesson taken from Ephesians 6, verses 10 to 17. The Rev. Bro. William Martin delivered a very fine and inspiring Masonic Sermon on this occasion, at which there was a very large and record attendance.

I wish to thank and pay tribute to the courtesy and kindness of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Librarian, who at all times were ready and willing to give counsel and in many ways rendered assistance when called upon.

I desire also to place on record my deep appreciation and thanks to my district officers, V. W. Bro. Percy White, District Treasurer; W. Bro. James Wylie, District Chaplain; W. Bro. Norman Nagle, my untiring Secretary, and to W. Bro. Howard Brown, acting District Secretary, for two months. All performed their duties in a very efficient and helpful manner. To W. Bro. Ned Boyle, who accompanied me on all of my Official Visits, and who acted as my Director of Ceremonies. To my old and faithful friend and fifty year Mason, Bro. Archie Muggoch, for his faithful attendance on my visits. To R. W. Bro. James Wardrope and R. W. Bro. Hugh Innes, for their faithfulness and assistance, in the work of Acting District Deputies, which was a great help in the year's work. And to all the various Grand Lodge Officers, Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens who accompanied me in such large numbers on my visits.

To R. W. Bro. Fletcher Argue, I regret very much that he was unable to carry on in this high office for the year, due to illness, yet I can assure him that it was with great pleasure and honor, that R. W. Bro. Wardrope, R. W. Bro. Innes and myself were chosen by you, M.W. Sir, to carry on the work of this District for him. Let me add that we all missed R.W. Bro. Argue and his words of wisdom, yet we knew that his spirit and influence was felt in all our meetings. We trust that he may have a good, if delayed recovery and still have him with us for many years to come. I take this opportunity, M.W. Sir, to recommend to you for your consideration that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master, be given to R.W. Bro. Fletcher Argue, not only for the interest he has shown in the work of the District this year, but, also for the very fine interest and work he has done in the Craft for so many years.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you, M.W. Sir, my deep gratitude for the honor you conferred on me in appointing me as Acting District Deputy Grand Master to carry on the work of the District for this year with the assistance of R. W. Bro. James Wardrope and R. W. Bro. Hugh Innes, and I can assure you and the brethren that it has been a great pleasure to serve in that capacity under your wise leadership, for such a fine and upright man and Mason as R. W. Bro. Argue, and I acknowledge having received the fullest support and co-operation at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. McCANN,
Acting District Deputy Grand Master,
First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

It is my privilege to present for your approval the Annual Report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Second Masonic District for the year 1947-1948. In presenting this report, I am proud to be able to say that I found Masonry in a flourishing condition with many emergent meetings being held in order to cope with the influx of new members. I also found that all Lodges have elected Worshipful Masters who have the welfare of Masonry at heart. We are fortunate in having a few of the pioneers of the District still with us, among them being R.W. Bro. William Cairns, District Chaplain of Temple Lodge No. 49, in his ninety-fifth year and R.W. Bro. W. G. Pollock, Neepawa Lodge No. 24, in his eighty-eighth year. Their assistance and guidance are very valuable.

My official visits were made as follows:

St. Andrew's No. 116	August 14th.
Union No. 108	October 2nd.
Carberry No. 29	October 28th.
Gladstone No. 11	October 11th.
McCreary No. 133	October 9th.
Neepawa No. 24	October 14th.

Temple No. 49	November 16th.
Assiniboine No. 7	October 20th.
Gothic No. 75	December 10th.

W. Bro. G. R. Hay, District Secretary, has been of great aid to me and has always had his car at my disposal. On my official visits, I was accompanied by a goodly number from my own Lodge and Temple Lodge and in every case was received with courtesy and dignity. By the time my term is up, I hope to have completed my second visit to each Lodge.

One of the outstanding events was the official opening of McCreary Temple, which, in the absence of the Grand Master, was performed by R. W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master. The Temple is a fine structure and indeed a great credit to the Brethren of McCreary Lodge No. 133. I am proud to inform you that this now puts every Temple or Hall in the Second Masonic District under the ownership of the Craft.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 116, Wellwood, was unfortunate in losing its hall by fire about the first of the year. They are now making plans to have it replaced.

The District Meeting held at Austin on October 1st was well attended and a very profitable day was spent in discussing the different aspects of Freemasonry. A banquet was held at 6 p.m. when about one hundred and fifty sat down to partake of the good things, presided over by R. W. Bro. H. F. Johnson. The evening session, of course, was under the traditional guidance of the Grand Lodge officers, those present being, The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, M. W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, M. W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, M. W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, R. W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole and R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms.

A very pleasing event of the evening was the presentation of a Fifty Year Jewel to R. W. Bro. W. T. Speed of Gothic Lodge No. 75 by the Grand Master. The outstanding address of the day was made by the Grand Master and concerning it, many complimentary remarks were heard.

A very successful Area Meeting was held at Portage la Prairie last May. We are looking forward to another good Meeting to be held at Gladstone on May 19th, preparations for which are in the making.

I attended Board meetings in September, November and April. I missed the February Meeting through illness. Bro. Whyte, of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, passed to the Grand Lodge above in 1947 and his passing was not only a great loss to Assiniboine Lodge but to the whole district.

It was with a great deal of hesitancy that I accepted this honored office of District Deputy Grand Master, but I must say I have benefited greatly, both in experience and knowledge, and it is my sincere hope that I have a least done a little good for the lodges I have visited.

I can assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, it has been a great pleasure, with the closest co-operation of all the Lodges, to carry on this work for you.

Finally, Most Worshipful Sir, I wish to express to all the Brethren of the Second Masonic District, my sincere thanks for the generous support given to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. WALLACE,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

It is my privilege to present for your approval my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District, for the year 1947-1948. The year has been a busy and if I may add a very successful one for the Third District.

I have made an official visit to every lodge in our District and with the exception of Crescent Lodge No. 103 and Rathwell Lodge No. 87 have made at least one unofficial visit. All lodges are active and with one exception are fairly busy with Degree work.

This District being a rural one, the visits must almost all be made during the late fall and spring season. Owing to very bad roads and sickness I was unable to do what I should have done in this respect.

Our District Meeting was held in July in Glenboro and was quite well represented by the different lodges. A severe rainstorm stopped many from attending. In all, the meeting was quite a success and as this District is fairly evenly divided with Canadian and York Rite Masonry the School of Instruction was well received.

During my Official visit almost every Lodge spoke well of the instruction and I believe much has been accomplished in checking up some irregularities.

It has been a real treat to visit the different Lodges and to see the different degrees conferred. Without exception the work seen was well done and quite worthy of favorable comment.

Cypress Lodge No. 82 have new quarters and although not completely finished, they will have a very nice new lodge room.

During my term of office I was entertained at Wawanesa Lodge No. 67 on the occasion of their Fiftieth Anniversary, a very pleasant evening although warm. The Area Meeting at Souris was attended by representatives of our three Westerly Lodges and I was assured that the others would visit the Area Meetings closer to them.

Last December I attended the funeral service for R. W. Bro. Parsons of Treherne Lodge No. 51. In the same month the funeral of W. Bro. Chewings of Cypress Lodge No. 82 and in May, the funeral of R. W. Bro. Pentland of Cypress Lodge No. 82.

Grand Lodge is losing their Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms, and as he is from this District, we have invited him to be guest speaker at a District Church Service to be held in Glenboro United Church on May 30th, at three o'clock. He has accepted our invitation and, weather permitting, I hope for a large attendance, as R.W. Bro. Syms is very popular in the District.

In conclusion may I say I have enjoyed the past year very much and only wish I could have devoted more time to the office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. HAMILTON,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

My report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1947 and 1948 I hereby have the honor to submit.

It has been a distinct privilege and a real pleasure to act as your Representative in this District during the past year and I humbly trust that the duties of my office have been carried out to your satisfaction and in some degree, at least, to the advantage of Freemasonry in this Province.

The warmth of welcome with which I have been received throughout the District and the loyal co-operation of the brethren on all occasions have made the work a delight to perform and an inspiration to pursue.

During my term of office Official visits were paid to the Lodges of the District as follows:

Cartwright Lodge No. 150	July 15th, 1947.
Crystal Lodge No. 71	August 12th, 1947.
Killarney Lodge No. 50	September 15th, 1947.
Doric Lodge No. 36	September 23rd, 1947.
Morden Lodge No. 13	November 20th, 1947.
Mound Lodge No. 118	November 27th, 1947.
Manitou Lodge No. 30	March 1st, 1948.

In addition to the above, seven unofficial visits were made to various Lodges in the District.

On the whole I can say, without hesitation, that the work throughout the District is being conducted efficiently and well. It would, of course, be exaggerating to say that every Lodge in the District is one hundred per cent perfect. There is always room for improvement and usually the Lodge doing the best work is conscious of its imperfections. At all meetings, with one exception, degrees were conferred and I was particularly impressed with the very fine type of candidates, their efficiency and the very keen interest they appeared to be taking in the work. The District had an over-all increase in membership of thirty during the year and the prospects are that this will be greatly exceeded during 1948. All lodges show sound financial conditions and operating on adequate dues. Only one lodge owns its own building but all others have leased or rented quarters which are, on the whole, satisfactory and attractive.

The District Meeting was held at Manitou on October 2nd, 1947, when 58 members of the Fourth Masonic District and 19 visitors attended. The afternoon session was devoted to business pertaining to the District followed by a very interesting "Question Period." After adjournment the brethren proceeded to the Manitou Legion Hall where an excellent banquet was served at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were given. At the evening meeting the Most Worshipful Grand Master delivered a most interesting and inspiring address which was much appreciated by the members.

In closing may I express to you Most Worshipful Sir, and to the brethren of the Fourth Masonic District, my sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving as District Deputy Grand Master for 1947 and 1948. I am profoundly grateful for the honor you have conferred upon me and my only regret is that, due to the nature of my vocation, I was unable to serve you and the cause of Freemasonry better. I am indeed grateful also for the Masonic experience gained during my term and am happy indeed for the wealth of friendship that it has been my good fortune to experience.

I would like to make special mention of the generous support afforded by my Secretary, W. Bro. W. J. Howe, and my District Chaplain, W. Bro. J. A. F. Hill, and the good brethren of Manitou Lodge who accompanied me on my visits. To R. W. Bro. A. Marsh my sincere appreciation for his advice and wise counsel given so generously during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY R. LAWSON,
D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

As your Representative in the Fifth Masonic District, I wish to report on my activities for the year 1947-1948.

Shortly after being elected District Deputy Grand Master I sent a personal letter to every Lodge in my District, asking for their fullest support in the year's work, and asking particularly for a good attendance at the District Meeting to be held in Minnedosa on August 8th. This brought good results, as every Lodge but one was represented and gave us a total attendance of approximately one hundred and fifty members. I believe, Most Worshipful Sir, that the members of the various Lodges in the District got a lot of inspiration from attending a large and enthusiastic District Meeting such as we had. We were very pleased and honored to have so many Grand Lodge Officers present. We had the following: M. W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, Junior Grand Warden; M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Past Grand Master and V. W. Bro. W. H. Yarwood, Senior Grand Deacon.

The following Past District Deputy Grand Masters were present: R. W. Bros. F. C. Barber, R. G. Sinclair, G. V. Henderson, G. A. Eakins, A. Manson, Louis Armit, T. W. Offen, W. D. Berwick, J. A. McKinnon, J. Mathewson.

The following Officers filled the chairs for the District Meeting: R. W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Clark, presided. W. Bro. R. L. Miles, Senior Warden, W. Bro. A. D. Russell, Junior Warden, W. Bro. T. C. Sample, Senior Deacon, W. Bro. J. D. McLean, Junior Deacon, W. Bro. Walter Nesbitt, Senior Steward, W. Bro. J. Gilchrist, Junior Steward, W. Bro. W. H. P. Wallace, Inner Guard, W. Bro. H. R. Barry, Tyler, W. Bro. C. E. Meadows, Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. Dr. W. Rothwell, District Chaplain, W. Bro. T. H. Murton, District Secretary.

During the afternoon reports were received from the Secretaries of the Lodges in the District. W. Bro. A. D. Russell, Master of Harmony Lodge, gave a very interesting address on ways of increasing interest in Lodge Meetings. M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, P.G.M., and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth District, also gave an interesting address. M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey conducted a question period which proved most interesting and instructive.

At 6.00 p.m. the brethren assembled in the Armoury where they partook of a most sumptuous banquet provided by the members of Ruth Chapter of the Eastern Star. A musical programme was very well received by the members. The M. W. Grand Master and several members of Grand Lodge spoke briefly.

The high light of the Evening Session, Most Worshipful Sir, was your Address. It will long be remembered by the members present.

My Official visits to the Lodges in the Fifth Masonic District were as follows:

Miniota Lodge No. 102	September 25th, 1947.
Rivers Lodge No. 115	September 29th, 1947.
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152	October 1st, 1947.
Russell Lodge No. 62	October 14th, 1947.
Harmony Lodge No. 142	October 16th, 1947.
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	October 28th, 1947.

Corinthian Lodge No. 15	November 4th, 1947.
Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92	November 13th, 1947.
Strathclair Lodge No. 106	November 18th, 1947.
Birtle Lodge No. 39	March 15th, 1948.
Binscarth Lodge No. 101	April 19th, 1948.
Newdale Lodge U.D.,	May 6th, 1948.
Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14	May 13th, 1948.

In all my Official visits I found the Lodges active, some of course progressing more than others. In all cases harmony seemed to prevail. In all cases, the Secretaries were keeping satisfactory records of the Lodges' activities, and all Lodges seemed to be in a sound financial position, as my Statistical Report will show.

I tried in all my visits, to impress upon the Principal Officers the importance of their attendance at the Annual Communications of Grand Lodge in June, and as full an attendance as possible of the members at the District Meeting, at Grand Lodge later. I gave instruction at all Lodges in the penalties of the three degrees, in an effort to make the giving of the penalties uniform. I also, in all Lodges, gave a short address on the Principles of Freemasonry.

During my term of office I found a most friendly and co-operative spirit among the various Lodges of the District. On all my Official visits there were always some of the neighboring Lodges represented, sometimes as many as seven Lodges. On all my Official visits members of Prince of Wales Lodge accompanied me. I found a varying amount of Degree work being done, and with a varying degree of efficiency, but on the whole the Degree work was satisfactory. During the year 1947 there were 119 Degrees conferred in the District. From present indications, I would say that would be exceeded in 1948.

The Travelling Token is being freely passed from one Lodge to another in the District.

On the whole, Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District is quite active, and shows signs of still improving. On December 4th, 1947, a new Lodge was instituted at Newdale. Nine Charter Members, with W. Bro. J. M. Sinclair as Master made up the Lodge. The Grand Lodge Officers turned out in full force and over one hundred members from the surrounding Lodges attended. The M. W. Grand Master delivered a most challenging address. Altogether it was a most successful meeting and got Newdale Lodge off to a good start. Since that date the lodge has conferred all three Degrees on eight members, and by June, 1948, they hope to have twenty-two members on the roll, which is certainly a most excellent record.

During the year, I attended two Board Meetings in Winnipeg, and hope to attend the meeting in June. I could not complete my report without saying "Thank you" to all those who helped me during my term of office. I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for your inspirational addresses on various occasions. I want to thank our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Pilkey who always responded promptly to any appeal for information or help in any line. I enjoyed meeting and working with all members of Grand Lodge.

I also want to express my appreciation of the assistance given to me by our District Secretary, W. Bro. T. H. Murton and the members of my own Lodge, also the members of all Lodges in the Fifth District.

To me, the work though arduous has been a genuine pleasure. I only hope I have been able to contribute something towards the true Masonic spirit in my District.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. CLARK,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I beg to report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Sixth Masonic District and on my activities during my term of office as District Deputy Grand Master.

Due to road conditions this past winter and spring I have had to curtail my visits and did not get around nearly as much as I wished to do.

However I did visit officially all Lodges in the District and found every lodge active and well governed. I was particularly impressed with the amount of Degree work that the Worshipful Masters could do and were doing personally. Not one Master in the District could be classed as below average, in fact all officers with few exceptions, were of very high calibre. I was impressed too, with the secretaries, with one exception, I found them to be men of distinction, very courteous and efficient. The exception that I refer to, I did not have the pleasure of meeting and therefore cannot make comment. Three of the secretaries are Past District Deputy Grand Masters, which speaks well for the choice that was made when they were elected to that office. All but one lodge had Degree work during 1947, in all 20 initiates were received in the District.

A very successful District Meeting was held at Melita, one lodge being unrepresented.

A fine feeling of co-operation is exhibited throughout the District.

Every lodge in the District is in good financial condition.

The combined attendance at my official visits was 360, 7 of the 8 lodges had 35 or more present.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. MORROW,
D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and approval my report as your representative for the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1947-48.

At the last Grand Lodge Session we received a great inspiration, and entered upon our year of Masonic work under your guidance and direction with zeal and enthusiasm. In a world still torn by unrest, we have found companionship and help among our brethren, and great opportunities for service. Trusting that we have acquitted ourselves of those opportunities to your satisfaction, and discharged our duties to our respective Lodges, is now on the record.

I am pleased to report progress in the spiritual and fraternal aspects of the Seventh Masonic District. We mourn the death of several brethren, yet our new additions by initiations and affiliation show an increase as at December 31st, 1947, and many more brethren have been received into our Order since the last statistical return. This material increase in members shows and reflects the interest in the Masonic Order of this District.

District Meeting

Our District Meeting was held in the Masonic Lodge Room at Virden on the 9th October, 1947. The afternoon session proved to be most instructive, as so many questions were asked pertaining to Masonry in general, and the assistance rendered by the Grand Lodge Officers was appreciated by all present. The banquet and evening session were attended by larger numbers. The register shows seventy-three members and nineteen visitors, total ninety-two. Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were: M. W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, I.P.G. Master and M.W. Bro. Jas Henderson.

Fifth Masonic District was represented by R. W. Bro. R. Peel and R. W. Bro. W. D. Berwick.

Your address was most inspiring, and in my contacts throughout the year, many comments of a very favorable nature have been passed by the brethren in the Seventh Masonic District.

Official Visitations

I am very happy to report that I have visited all the Lodges in the District officially, also visited them all unofficially, some of them several times, and the welcome I received on each occasion as your representative, was proof of the very high regard they hold for you personally, and the approval of your untiring efforts and high ideals that you hold for the cause of the Craft.

Dates of Official Visits

Composite Lodge No. 64	October 16th, 1947.
Lansdowne Lodge No. 107	October 22nd, 1947.
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	October 28th, 1947.
Brandon Lodge No. 19	November 11th, 1947.
Tweed Lodge No. 113	November 18th, 1947.
Lebanon Lodge No. 43	December 2nd, 1947.
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	December 11th, 1947.
Fenwick, U.D.	April 23rd, 1948.

My first Official Visit held at Composite Lodge was graced by the presence of six Past District Deputy Grand Masters, rather an unusual instance. All Lodges in the District have been very active in conferring degrees, in fact the work carried on in the Lodges at present is much heavier than has been the case for a good many years, and the work witnessed by me was very satisfactory, and in the majority of cases of a very high order. I would like to pay tribute to so many of the Past Masters in the District who still show such a keen interest in the work, and who assist the younger officers in their duties. Harmony prevails in all Lodges, and a fine feeling of brotherhood seems to be very much in evidence. In all cases I found members ot the Craft to be taking a leading part in their communities, and actively engaged in all ideals of the higher standards.

A number of brethren of Lebanon Lodge and myself had the privilege of attending the opening of Fenwick Lodge on the 24th of October, 1947, in Brandon, since that time this Lodge has shown splendid progress, and in a very short time will become a very staunch pillar in Freemasonry, this is due to a great extent to the calibre of the entire staff of officers, and loyal support of its members, and to this baby Lodge in the Seventh Masonic District, may we wish them every success in their Masonic career.

I also had the privilege of attending the district meeting of the Sixth Masonic District held at Melita on October 8th, 1947, and of accompanying you and other Grand Lodge Officers on this occasion, we were made most welcome by R. W. Bro. H. Morrow, District Deputy Grand Master, and his meeting was a great success.

Another high light of the year was the Regional Meeting held at Souris on May 8th, 1948, with a very large attendance from our Seventh District. This meeting was most interesting and instructive, especially the panel discussion by members of the Brandon Lodges. Your address, Most Worshipful Sir, will long be remembered by those present, and be a guiding light in the annals of Freemasonry.

Another outstanding achievement of the Seventh Masonic District is the support they have given to the fund for parcels to Britain, and the letters received throughout the District is evidence of the good will they are creating in the Old Land.

District Divine Services

On May 2nd the District Church Service was held in the Anglican Church, Virden, at 7 p.m. with a good attendance considering the weather conditions, it was very unfortunate that the rain poured down all day making the roads impassible but this did not dampen the courage of the brethren from Tweed and Lansdowne Lodges, to these brethren I extend my sincere appreciation. The Service was conducted by Bro. A. W. Cummings, who gave us a very illuminating address on the Prayer in the Master Masons Degree, the explanation of which we had never heard before, and the interest shown indicates the Spiritual aspect of Freemasonry is being greatly revived.

Installation

I acted as Installing Master and conducted Installation ceremonies for Lebanon Lodge No. 43 and Oak Lake Lodge No. 44, on each occasion I was assisted by W. Bro. J. A. Caw and other members of the respective Lodges.

I attended the conference of District Deputy Grand Masters held in Winnipeg on September 19th, 1947. This meeting was a real inspiration to us all, and I am sure that we returned to our respective districts with a keener interest, and a greater determination to discharge our duties and responsibilities in our respective districts.

I would like to express my thanks to R. W. Bro. W. L. Cann, District Secretary, who worked with me the first part of my term, and who moved to Dryden, Ont., on account of business reasons, and also to W. Bro. J. A. Caw who so willingly took over the responsibility of District Secretary when the former departed from this district. My same appreciation goes to W. Bro. J. J. O'Neil who so ably assisted me during all my travels, and to W. Bro. H. N. Burgess the District Chaplain for my term of office. I would like to thank all the brethren of the District for the honor bestowed upon me, and the privilege to serve my brethren as your Deputy, and particularly to thank them for the manner in which I was received on all my visits.

In general, I am glad to report an increasing interest in the work of the Craft. This work has seemed to bring home to me a greater need of "Brotherhood among men" and I believe it is greatly in evidence in this Seventh Masonic District.

It has been a great privilege, Most Worshipful Sir, to work as your Deputy, and the inspiration of serving under you will long be remembered.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. TIMMS,
D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I have the honor as your Representative to submit for your approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District for the term 1947-48.

On assuming the duties of the office, I appointed W. Bro. A. G. Froom of Penza Lodge as District Secretary and R. W. Bro. Harry Wallace as District Chaplain.

I began my year's work with unofficial visits to all lodges. This I accomplished with one exception.

My Official visits were made as follows:

Midlothian No. 90	October 20th, 1947.
East Star No. 155	November 6th, 1947.
Sprague No. 132	November 12th, 1947.
Carman No. 155	November 18th, 1947.
Patricia No. 125	December 3rd, 1947.
Shiloh No. 70	December 11th, 1947.
King Solomon No. 8	February 10th, 1948.
Emerson No. 6	February 19th, 1948.
Penza No. 120	March 23rd, 1948.

On all occasions I was received with the dignity and respect due your representative. Many Past District Deputy Grand Masters were good enough to give me their support. The attendance was good considering travel conditions during the year. The brethren visited freely from one lodge to another. The work for the most part was efficiently done. Rehearsals where membership is scattered is difficult, but the benefits are most evident where it is a practice. Here I find that not so many of the young officers depend on Past Masters to do their degrees for them.

On my visits I endeavored to keep before the younger brethren and candidates, of which there were many, the Tenets and Principles of the Craft, giving these importance over rapid promotion on the floor of the Lodge. There were 111 degrees conferred during 1947. There appears to be a reduction in the amount of degree work at present leaving more time for study and discussion. I would suggest that more attention be given to the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

The attendance at the District Meeting held in Penza Lodge was very good. The contribution by R. W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace and R. W. Bro. Les. C. Welsh proved most beneficial. R. W. Bro. Millroy after receiving his Past District Deputy Grand Master's Apron made a very suitable reply. Pleasing comments can still be heard on your masterful address, Most Worshipful Sir.

It is with deep regret we record the passing of R. W. Bro. R. A. McKenzie, District Treasurer, and valued member of the Craft for many years. His son, W. Bro. R. H. McKenzie, was appointed to fill out the remainder of the term.

In concluding this report, Most Worshipful Sir, I express my pleasure at being your servant. To the M.W. Grand Secretary for every kind office. Much credit is due my Secretary and other District Officers who have been all that any Brother could wish, and to all the Brethren who have made this a most happy experience for me. I hope and trust that my effort will meet with your approval.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. CASSON,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District for the past year. I am pleased to report Masonry in a good, thrifty condition throughout the District; all Lodges are very active with an increase in membership in every Lodge, most of the new members are young men and show a keen interest in Masonic work. Lodge records are very well kept except that in some cases Historical Registers were not written up to date.

My Official visits to the Constituent Lodges were as follows:

Hiram Lodge No. 94	August 21st, 1947.
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100	August 27th, 1947.
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	October 7th, 1947.
Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105	October 9th, 1947.
Roblin Lodge No. 122	October 13th, 1947.
Favel Lodge No. 126	November 4th, 1947.
Jubilee Lodge No. 147	November 13th, 1947.
Victory Lodge No. 128	December 17th, 1947.

I witnessed the conferring of degrees in all Lodges with the exception of Jubilee, in my opinion the work was very efficiently done by the officers assisted by Past Masters.

On my official visit to each Lodge I was received in due form, as your official representative and was given a very hearty reception.

The District Meeting of the Ninth Masonic District was held in Swan River on September 8th, 1947. Total attendance was 93. Reports were given by Secretaries of each Lodge on the yearly activities and were received with interest at the afternoon session. The meeting was then thrown open for a question period. Many brethren availing themselves of this opportunity asked questions which were ably answered by M. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

There was the usual banquet at 6 o'clock. This feature was enjoyed by all present. Labor was resumed at 8 p.m. when the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and his suite were officially received.

The summary of the afternoon session was read by the District Secretary, W. Bro. W. G. Winslow and a report on attendance given.

Most Worshipful Bro. Donnelly was then introduced and delivered a most inspiring address which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Brethren privileged to hear it.

I wish to express my thanks to W. Bro. W. G. Winslow for his able assistance as District Secretary, to R.W. Bro. W. J. Rodgers for officiating as District Chaplain, to all the Lodges in the Ninth Masonic District for their generous support and to all brethren for their confidence in selecting me as their choice for your representative, and to you, Most Worshipful Sir, for confirming same. It has been an honor and a privilege that I shall always remember.

Fraternally submitted,

C. F. DRAGER,
D.D.G.M., Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

In presenting a report for my term as District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, I would like to tender to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master my sincere thanks for his kindly advice and to his officers for their whole hearted support and co-operation, making my year very pleasant, and one that I will cherish for the friends that I have made.

I would also like to thank my District Secretary, R.W. Bro. John Norquay, whose untiring efforts and deep knowledge of Masonry stood me in good stead, and who always was ready to give freely of his time and services in an endeavor to make my term of office a success; and to the brethren who showed their confidence in me by their ballot, I say thanks, I trust I have not done anything to betray that confidence. I am conscious of, and deeply appreciate, the kindness and support I have received in the past year.

On Wednesday, August 6th, I visited Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134 on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary:

The Dormer Lodge No. 151	September 2nd, 1947.
Ophir Lodge No. 112	September 5th, 1947.
Kildonan Lodge No. 131	September 9th, 1947.
Pine Falls Lodge No. 156	September 12th, 1947.
Lisgar Lodge No. 2	September 16th, 1947.
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	October 1st, 1947.
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	October 2nd, 1947.
Transcona Lodge No. 123	October 3rd, 1947.
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148	October 10th, 1947.
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156	October 20th, 1947.
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	May 5th, 1948.

Our District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, on Tuesday, September 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

The attendance left much to be desired, but the interest shown in every order of business made up for the lack of members, the question and answer periods were of particular interest, and considerable enthusiasm shown, the late M. W. Bro. Harry Woods and the Grand Secretary proving themselves to be an adequate source of information on this occasion.

The evening session was opened at 8.00 p.m. followed by the Reception of the Grand Master and his suite. The address by the Grand Master was absorbed by everyone present, and the attention given showed how interesting and inspiring the subject, delivered by so able a speaker, and which climaxed a very interesting and instructive day. Considerable credit for the success of our District Meeting is due to our District Secretary for his able handling of all arrangements.

It was a great privilege to attend with the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers, the Anniversary of Stony Mountain Lodge on its Twenty-fifth Anniversary. This Lodge had an outstanding record during the war. In 1939 the Master enlisted. In 1940, 1941 and 1943 the Masters enlisted, the Lodge being taken over by Past Masters. At one time there were four Masters and fifteen members of the Lodge in the armed services.

On my visit to The Dormer Lodge No. 151 on September 2nd, 1947, I was agreeably surprised to note the unusual enthusiasm in the Lodge. The business was despatched in a businesslike manner and while every item was fully discussed there was no lost time between items. I noted that though the meeting was full, a large majority of members had time to, and did express their views without any waste of time, no detail being eliminated.

Ophir Lodge No. 112 I visited on September 5th. This Lodge did not share the enthusiasm of the former Lodge. I was surprised to find the Master and Senior Warden missing. However the work was so well done by the Past Master and the members who substituted I was much impressed. There was nothing wrong with a group of men who, without notice, can put on work so well. They have a fine selection of Junior Officers which speaks well for the near future.

Kildonan Lodge No. 131 I visited on September 9th. This Lodge and The Dormer Lodge No. 151 meet in the same hall. It is a real treat to attend this Lodge and note the efficient way their work and business are despatched. On inquiring the reason for their proficiency, I was informed that "regular and systematic practice produced these results," and I feel their labors are amply rewarded.

I visited Pine Falls Lodge No. 156 on September 12th. Owing to the difference in time I was one hour late getting there and part of their work was over. I was, however, very cordially greeted and the warmth of their reception helped to offset the discomfort I felt over my mistake which I sincerely regretted. Pine Falls being a company town, brings, in itself, difficulties to the Lodge in the way of night shifts and adverse working hours, so that attendance is not all that could be desired. The Worshipful Master was not in attendance that night, being forty miles away on his farm. While this Lodge is working under some difficulties, it is a live Lodge, and capable of expansion.

I visited Lisgar Lodge No. 2 on September 16th. To one whose affiliations go back to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, there is a certain romance in visiting Lisgar Lodge, the second oldest in Manitoba. There is an expectancy that you will find an historical link with the past, and when you enter the Lodge room, and view some of the rich relics of old Northern Light Lodge founded under the Jurisdiction of Minnesota, you realize the anticipation of pleasure was not unfounded. It is a rare treat to find in this Lodge so many connections with our early history, and to note in the old register so many family names rich in the development of Manitoba.

The record in regard to Lisgar's contribution to Grand Lodge is not so good. One wonders why. In looking over the records it is noted in the 77 years Lisgar has been in existence, nineteen times her Worshipful Master has been re-elected to office. Perhaps the members are too prone to rest on their records of antiquity rather than look to the future. Her present list of officers are alert and capable.

I made my official visit to Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134 on October 1st. This Lodge was greatly affected during the war years and suffered setbacks through her great contributions. However, this has only served to stimulate the Lodge, and it is now a very fine Lodge, reflecting much credit on its officers and members.

I visited Stonewall Lodge No. 12 on October 2nd, 1947. One is naturally inclined to be partial to the Lodge which sponsored the Lodge to which he belongs, so naturally I have a kindly feeling towards Stonewall Lodge No. 12. Like most Lodges in near proximity to a large urban centre, Stonewall feels the pinch of non-resident membership and in her list of recent Past Masters there are too many gaps where the one concerned, for business reasons, is living in Winnipeg. There is always a danger of non-attendance on attaining the rank of Past Master when you are a non-resident. The acquisition of a new hall has stimulated the members and their efforts show very creditable progress. Stonewall, like all older Lodges, has her quota of benevolent cases, and they are handled in a commendable manner. No doubt the years ahead will see a fine contribution to Masonry from this Lodge.

I visited Transcona Lodge No. 123 on October 3rd, 1947. Transcona, being a railroad town, feels the effects of night work, and shifts, which lowers the attendance. The officers were very capable, and the business handled with dispatch and efficiency. The Secretary's reports were very clear and concise and left no doubt as to their meaning. A friendly and harmonious spirit prevailed. Discussions were freely entered into by all.

I visited Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148 on the evening of October 10th, 1947. Financially this Lodge is in a strong position. There are a number of very desirable features in the way their work is conducted. There is a strong study club which meets regularly to review Masonic Books, then this review is given to the Lodge at refreshment hour. This study club is an invaluable help to newly made members and the older members have benefitted greatly by it. Prospective candidates are named in open Lodge, and a request put forward for an application. This permits a review of the situation before the one concerned even gets an application.

At the time of my visit the Lodge was still under the shadow of the tragic loss of the Secretary and his family in the Dugald wreck. This was felt through the entire meeting.

A desire to know more of Masonry was evidenced by the Members in their discussion of all subjects brought forward at this meeting.

Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156, my own Lodge, I visited officially on October 20th. This Lodge has made excellent progress in numbers, finances and enthusiasm. From a beginning with twenty-two members eight years ago, it has grown to four times that number and is still growing. A large majority of its members travel more than one hundred miles, round trip, to attend Lodge, yet this Lodge can boast the best average attendance in the 10th district. Due to the great distance from other Lodges, visiting has not been possible, but no doubt as roads improve, this handicap will be overcome. The spirit among the membership is fine. The meetings are harmonious and exhilarating; a progressive Lodge indeed.

On October 28th R. W. Bro. Bob Ross represented me at the district meeting of the 1st Masonic District, to which I had been invited. Owing to business I was unable to attend. My observaions on going around are that attendance, or lack of it, appears to be our weakness. I have noted that in Lodges where discussions were freely and fully entered into by all members, attendance was good; and the average attendance of the Lodge high. On the other hand where discussions lagged, or were participated in by one or two, or were dominated by a few, the meetings were dull and attendance poor, also average attendance was generally low. It would seem to me that general discussion should be encouraged. The member who usually sits on the side and says little should be drawn out and brought into all discussions, long-winded orations discouraged and our younger members shown that "By this privilege you may improve your intellectual power, qualify yourself to become a useful member of society and, like a skilled craftsman, strive to excel in what is good and great."

Another weakness which I have heard stressed several times, which affects attendance, is our choice of candidates. We should not propose, or accept, any person to be a member of our Craft simply because he's a good fellow, pleasant, affable, a good conversationalist, wit, good scout or mercenary. Most of these traits are fine and desirable but to build lasting and permanent Masons we need more. As a guide I would suggest a portion of a charge: "By refraining to recommend anyone to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong grounds to believe he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice."

Next, we should not allow our Lodges to become factories to grind out new candidates. Rather think of them as builders of men of character. After having taken care that we have the right material, let us be sure we make the most of it so that when a man becomes a Master Mason he is not placed to the right of the Master and the left of all brethren and forgotten, while we go on creating new members. Rather let us proceed to make of him one who will reflect honor on our choice and one of the best methods I know of is by fellowship. When a man comes into a lodge the thing he most desires is fellowship. See that he gets it and when he feels he is one of us in fellowship, then true brotherhood will be exemplified and he will be in a right frame of mind to absorb and digest Masonry, but on the other hand, if he is neglected, he either adds to our delinquents, or finally drops out.

I hope these few remarks will tend to overcome what I consider the main weakness in this District, and help towards better Lodges.

"Man lives not for himself alone.
In others' good, he finds his own.
Life's worth in fellowship is known."

I feel that our fraternity is progressing in a most substantial way; that the Tenth Masonic District is very healthy. I would like to thank my Secretary, R. W. Bro. John Norquay, for his splendid help; also my Chaplain, Bro. A. Sandgren; M. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, for his patience, and to every member of the Tenth Masonic District for the honor they have done me, and my Lodge, in electing me District Deputy Grand Master for the past term. I hope I have not failed them.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID FERGUSON,
D.D.G.M., Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

It is my privilege and pleasure, Most Worshipful Sir, to present herein my report on the activities and condition of Freemasonry throughout the Twelfth Masonic District, for the year 1947-48.

First in my report must be the observation that the unity and harmony of Masonic effort and purpose prevailing among the Masters, Officers and Members of the constituent Lodges throughout the District is such as to render the duties of the District Deputy Grand Master a most pleasant service to perform, and I feel greatly honored by having had that privilege.

My Official visits in the District were as follows:

Capitol Lodge No. 136	September 15th, 1947.
Meridian Lodge No. 140	September 18th, 1947.
Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143	October 23rd, 1947.
Windsor Lodge No. 138	November 10th, 1947.
Fidelity Lodge No. 146	November 21st, 1947.
Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137	September 10th, 1947.
Beaver Lodge No. 139	October 9th, 1947.
Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144	November 4th, 1947.
Tuscan Lodge No. 141	November 14th, 1947.
Fort Garry Lodge No. 130	January 14th, 1948.
Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145	February 9th, 1948.

My reception on the occasion of these visits was made in due and proper form and with every courtesy that could be extended to me as your Representative. Official reports of these visits, and comments in respect thereto have previously been submitted. I must make this general observation however, that it is evident all Officers have been selected for their calibre, are without exception worthy and well qualified, and I believe we may have no fear as to progress in future years. The condition of all the Lodges, fiancially, is sound. Consideration is being given to higher costs of operation, due to a great extent to the number of extra meetings for Degree work.

Numerically, the membership continues to increase. The net gain in members for the year ending December 31st, 1947, was 207 (Initiates 243, Re-Instatement 7, Loss by Death or Demit 43). The apparent sterling quality of the new members is such as to prompt the statement that our Ancient Craft is attracting a very fine class of citizen and augurs well for progress in times when promulgation of Masonic tenets and principles is so badly needed. Degree work in all Lodges is being performed with the greatest sincerity. Some minor deflections were noted, but in consultation with the Masters have been duly corrected.

The practice of holding monthly supper meetings with the Masters and Wardens has been continued. This close association between the Senior Officers has helped to maintain the friendly spirit of co-operation, and dissemination of ideas which might be deemed beneficial to Lodges throughout the District.

Another feature inaugurated this year was the formation of a speaking class for the benefit of Officers in the District. We are greatly indebted to R. W. Bros. Harry Gray and G. P. Fairbairn for their efforts in this regard. The purpose of the class being to assist the Officers in attaining some idea of self-development, to become proficient in the speech of the Lodge, and become aware, also, of the sheer loveliness of the language employed in opening and closing, in conferring Degrees, and general Lodge procedure. From the interest displayed there is every indication this effort will be continued and enlarged to embrace other features connected with our work.

The Class of 1944 Past Masters and District Officers continued their activity during the year. The Masonic playlet "A Rose Upon the Altar" has proved an attraction worthy of mention. In addition to presentations at various City Lodges, the Class journeyed to Fenwick Lodge, U.D. Brandon, and is to visit the Area Meeting at Gladstone on May 19th.

The District Meeting was held on January 30th, 1948. The attendance and interest displayed was very gratifying. Registration showed 187 including all Masters of the District. Reports were received from all Lodges displaying a continued activity in all Departments of their work. Report was made by W. Bro. T. Gilchrist, District Chairman, on progress of the Grand Master's plan in connection with the parcels for Britain campaign. Bro. G. Lardner presented a paper entitled "Guarding the Portals" having reference to decorum in the Lodge during recess and at refreshment hour. R. W. Bro. D. MacKay introduced discussion on the question of election of District Deputy Grand Master at the District Meeting. This subject was not carried through to conclusion, but is a lively subject in this District. The address given by you, Most Worshipful Sir, proved to be the crowning climax to a very successful meeting.

During the year, Meridian Lodge No. 140 celebrated its 25th Anniversary on October 16th, 1947. Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143 celebrated a similar event on April 22nd, 1948, and Tuscan Lodge No. 141 on May 14th, 1948. These events were notable milestones in the progress of the Lodges concerned and formed the occasion for suitable anniversary ceremonies.

The Fourth Annual District Ladies' Night was held at the Fort Garry Hotel, March 31st, 1948, and proved again to be one of the most enjoyable social functions of the year. Accommodation was taxed to the limit and the affair can be counted as being most successful.

The Annual District Church Service was held at St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday, April 18th. Some 300 members of the Craft attended. M. W. Bro. G. R. Calvert conducting the service, District Chaplain W. Bro. J. Mowat reading the First Lesson while I was assigned the reading of the Second Lesson. Fitting reference was made during the service to the death of our beloved friend and guide M. W. Bro. Harry Woods. It was a grand service and a gratifying attendance.

In concluding this report, I would like to express to you, Most Worshipful Sir, my appreciation of your wise counsel, and inspiration received from your numerous addresses which I was privileged to hear; to M. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey for his kindly advice on numerous occasions; and I will never forget the encouragement received from M. W. Bro. Harry Woods during the early days of my tenure of office. To the District Officers W. Bro. J. P. Mowat, District Chaplain, W. Bro. S. C. Swanton, District Treasurer, may I offer my appreciation for their loyalty and support and to W. Bro. M. Ferguson, District Secretary, my special thanks and appreciation for his untiring efforts in performing the numerous duties which he was called on to carry out.

I realize that it is impossible for me to repay the debt of gratitude that I owe to the members of my own Lodge, to the Officers, Masters, and members of the Craft throughout the District, for the many courtesies shown me and the honors given me. I shall never forget the warm and lasting friendships that I have made; and always shall I cherish, remember and treasure the counsel and advice, as well as the unselfish assistance, given me wholeheartedly and repeatedly by my older and more experienced brethren. In the years which I hope are still to come, I shall look back with pride and joy to this period when I was privileged to serve as your District Deputy Grand Master.

All of which, Most Worshipful Sir, is respectfully submitted.

W. F. KERBY,
D.D.G.M., Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED
TO
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER
GRAND LODGES
1947

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Jabez Miller

Ionic Lodge No. 25

Affiliated with Ionic Lodge No. 25 from Hope Lodge No. 114, Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) on September 1st, 1899. Master of Ionic Lodge No. 25 in 1908.

Senior Grand Deacon	1911
District Deputy Grand Master	1912
Grand Treasurer	1920-1-2-3
Junior Grand Warden	1924
Senior Grand Warden	1925
Deputy Grand Master	1926
Grand Master	1927

DIED

September 4th, 1947

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Harry Woods

Initiated in Mayo Lodge No. 1406, United Grand Lodge of England at Secunderabad, Madras, India, in 1900.

Affiliated with Stonewall Lodge No. 12 on February 6th, 1906. Master in 1909 and 1915. Affiliated and Charter Member of Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134 on August 4th, 1921. Affiliated with Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 on September 8th, 1943.

Honorary Member of St. John's Lodge No. 4, on February 18th, 1939.

Honorary Member of Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156, Moosehorn, on September 21st, 1943.

Honorary Member Meridian Lodge No. 140 on April 19th, 1945.

Grand Steward	1914
District Deputy Grand Master	1922
Junior Grand Warden	1933
Senior Grand Warden	1934
Deputy Grand Master	1935
Grand Master	1936
Librarian	1939 to 1948

DIED

April 17th, 1948

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

James Scroggie

Northern Light Lodge No. 10

Junior Grand Deacon	1901
Junior Grand Warden	1904
Senior Grand Warden	1905
Deputy Grand Master	1906
Grand Master	1907

DIED

May 12th, 1948

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

Alexander Burgess

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3

Initiated on January 15th, 1917. Passed March 26th, 1917, and Raised April 23rd, 1917, Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 in 1925.

Grand Pursuivant 1929
Grand Treasurer . . . . 1932 to 1948

DIED

April 18th, 1948

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Joseph John Seton McFadyen Lyon

Fort Garry Lodge No. 130

Initiated on March 10th, 1926, passed on April 30th, 1926, and raised on May 26th, 1926. Master of Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 in 1938.

Grand Organist .... 1939 to 1948

DIED

March 13th, 1948

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Thomas R. Falconer

Deloraine Lodge No. 40
District Deputy Grand Master 1925

DIED
February 2nd, 1947

James B. Wilkinson

Deloraine Lodge No. 40
Senior Grand Deacon 1907
District Deputy Grand Master 1910

DIED
April 7th, 1947.

Robin Chester Parsons

Treherne Lodge No. 51
District Deputy Grand Master 1937

DIED
December 20th, 1947

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Robert McKenzie

Shiloh Lodge No. 70
District Deputy Grand Master 1921

DIED
November 3rd, 1947

Alexander C. McLennan

Crystal Lodge No. 71
District Deputy Grand Master 1911

DIED
March 6th, 1947

William James Stevens

Hamiota Lodge No. 84
Grand Steward 1914

DIED
December 27th, 1947

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Richard R. Knox

King Edward Lodge No. 93
District Deputy Grand Master 1920

DIED
September 14th, 1947

Victor E. Hunt

Norwood Lodge No. 119
Grand Organist 1928-29-30

DIED
July 27th, 1947

Ernest Gaylord Greenaway

Roblin Lodge No. 122
District Deputy Grand Master 1937

DIED
February 3rd, 1947

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Henry Miles Steeves

Patricia Lodge No. 125
District Deputy Grand Master 1919

DIED
February 22nd, 1947

Charles J. Bermack

Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143
Senior Grand Deacon 1936

DIED
February 10th, 1947

Aaron W. Badger

Carman Lodge No. 155
District Deputy Grand Master 1918
Grand Senior Deacon 1923

DIED
February 27th, 1947

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Chippendale, T. L.	Mar. 11, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Montgomery, C. B.	Apr. 2, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Forsyth, Alexander	June 5, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Gee, Fred. M.	June 8, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Leslie, T. W.	June 8, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Dickson, Geo.	June 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Montgomery, R. S.	July 8, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Harstone, Fredk. S.	July 10, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Canham, Wm.	July 25, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Akin, T. A.	July 29, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Chapman, E. R.	Sep. 16, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Brown, J. B.	Sep. 22, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Stevenson, E. R. A.	Oct. 5, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Wright, A. L.	Nov. 1, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Duff, A. E.	Nov. 23, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Palsson, Kristjan	Feb. 11, 1947	Lisgar	2
Davidson, S. E.	Dec. 19, 1947	Lisgar	2
Chester, Wm. George	Feb. 16, 1946	Ancient Landmark	3
McKay, J. M.	Jan. 20, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Gordon, W. M.	Jan. 22, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Dick, David	Mar. 6, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
McCullough, Wm.	Apr. 17, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Brown, D.	May 19, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Nielsen, N. C.	June 18, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Ramsbottom, J. W.	June 28, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Yells, A. J.	July 21, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Longmore, John	Oct. 30, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Murray, R. B.	Dec. 16, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Sinclair, D.	Mar. 20, 1947	St. John's	4
Straith, Wm.	Apr. 4, 1947	St. John's	4
Warner, A. E.	Apr. 13, 1947	St. John's	4
Whydden, E. A.	Apr. 26, 1947	St. John's	4
Taylor, J. R.	July 17, 1947	St. John's	4
Wharton, S.	July 27, 1947	St. John's	4

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Willox, J. R.	Aug. 10. 1947	St. John's	4
Mathieson, J. W.	Aug. 17, 1947	St. John's	4
Ezard, A. R.	Sep. 6, 1947	St. John's	4
Cockshott, Chas. H.	Sep. 26, 1947	St. John's	4
Serkau, A. L.	Oct. 1947	St. John's	4
Hall, J. N.	Nov. 27, 1947	St. John's	4
Wilkinson, D. M.	Dec. 3, 1947	St. John's	4
Leighton, A.	Dec. 6, 1947	St. John's	4
Spillett, S.	Mar. 9,1947	Emerson	6
Irvine, R. B.	Mar. 11, 1947	Emerson	6
Babb, Alfred	Jan. 4, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Whyte, F. J.	Sep, 1, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Clayton, F. W.	Nov. 9, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Curtis, C. A.	Nov. 13, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Murdock, J. T.	Dec. 29, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Francis, H. R.	Nov. 9, 1947	King Solomon	8
Lightfoot, Jas.	Feb. 17, 1947	Northern Light	10
Colquhoun, H. W.	July 1, 1947	Northern Light	10
Armstrong, D.	Aug. 12, 1947	Northern Light	10
Peatt, Geo.	Sep. 4, 1947	Northern Light	10
Boutell, A. W.	Oct. 10, 1947	Northern Light	10
Weagent, C. H.	Oct. 30, 1947	Northern Light	10
McLaughlin, C. W.	June 29, 1947	Gladstone	11
Cook, James	Dec. 28, 1947	Stonewall	12
Gildert, W. R.	Apr. 18, 1947	Morden	13
Chamberlain, G. L.	Dec. 20, 1947	Morden	13
Smith, H. G. (Hylton)	July 1, 1947	Prince of Wales	14
Graham, G. A.	Jan. 14, 1947	Brandon	19
Melhuish, J. M.	Mar. 31, 1947	Brandon	19
Lindsay, P. S.	Sep. 6, 1947	Brandon	19
Thompson, R. B.	Nov. 18, 1947	Brandon	19
Burnett, T.G.	Feb. 8, 1947	Neepawa	24
Kellough, O. C.	June 5, 1947	Neepawa	24
Lawson, J. H.	June 8, 1947	Neepawa	24

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Walton, H.	June 23, 1947	Neepawa	24
Kopplin, G. A.	Sep. 29, 1947	Neepawa	24
Dunlop, A. B.	Oct. 4, 1947	Neepawa	24
Burrows, W. M.	Jan. 15, 1947	Ionic	25
Strong, A. C.	Jan. 18, 1947	Ionic	25
Smith, G. O.	Jan. 22, 1947	Ionic	25
Robinson, T. C.	Feb. 1, 1947	Ionic	25
Braid, J. E.	Feb. 22, 1947	Ionic	25
Whyard, W. G. H.	Mar. 2, 1947	Ionic	25
Spencer, John	Mar. 18, 1947	Ionic	25
Ferguson, A. J.	Apr. 4, 1947	Ionic	25
Warwick, John	Apr. 11, 1947	Ionic	25
Smith, H. J.	May 8, 1947	Ionic	25
Hollands, W. W.	May 11, 1947	Ionic	25
Evans, R. Ernest	Aug. 28, 1947	Ionic	25
Brooke, J. E.	Oct. 10, 1947	Ionic	25
Carcary, S. C.	Oct. 13, 1947	Ionic	25
Jennison, F.	Oct. 24, 1947	Ionic	25
Turner, James	June 4, 1947	Glenwood	27
Henderson, J.	Jan. 9, 1947	Doric	36
Watt, Alex.	Dec. 31, 1947	Doric	36
Chapman, W. B.	May 20, 1947	Birtle	39
Henry, Cyrus	Aug. 4. 1947	Deloraine	40
Campbell, J. J.	Sep. 15, 1947	Deloraine	40
Hill, G. R.	Apr. 6, 1947	Lebanon	43
McLachlan, J. A.	Nov. 19, 1947	Lebanon	43
Black, James	Apr. 26, 1947	Oak Lake	44
Budge, J. L.	July 19, 1947	Glenboro	48
Davidson, R. B.	July 27, 1947	Glenboro	48
North, W. R.	Jan. 23, 1947	Temple	49
Rogers, H.	July 7, 1947	Temple	49
Jeffrey, Wm.	Oct. 6, 1947	Temple	49
Kent, F. A.	Sep. 6, 1947	Killarney	50
Sherlock, D. P.	Sep. 13, 1947	Killarney	50

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Heatherington, H.	Nov. 30, 1947	Killarney	50
Render, C. K.	May 14, 1947	Hartney	52
Sutherland, J. R.	1947	East Star	55
Coblentz, Godfrey	July 2, 1947	East Star	55
Hargreaves, Wm.	May 16, 1947	Russell	62
Rea, J. E.	Dec. 8, 1947	Russell	62
Couling. Pierce	June 18, 1947	Wawanesa	67
Batty, F.	Dec. 25, 1947	Wawanesa	67
Dunlop, N. C.	July 10,1947	Vermillion	68
Coles, J. J.	Dec. 30, 1947	Vermillion	68
Boardman, C. F.	Jan. 14, 1947	Shiloh	70
Harwood, R. H.	Dec. 8, 1947	Shiloh	70
Landerkin, E. A.	Apr. 15, 1947	Crystal	71
Ewing, Alex.	Aug. 27, 1947	Elkhorn	74
Johnstone, F. M.	Mar. 29, 1947	Napinka	77
Chewings, D. J.	Dec. 19, 1947	Cypress	82
Steele, A. B.	Feb. 20, 1947	Hamiota	84
McDougall, G.	Nov. 27, 1947	Elgin	86
Miller, T. A.	Jan. 12, 1947	Shoal Lake	92
Gray, Wm.	Oct. 17, 1947	Shoal Lake	92
Fleming, J. A.	Oct. 17, 1947	Shoal Lake	92
Hickerson, L. E.	Jan. 16, 1947	King Edward	93
Meadow, B. G.	Feb. 6, 1947	King Edward	93
Nicks, F. W.	Mar. 6, 1947	King Edward	93
Fraser, A. W.	Mar. 17, 1947	King Edward	93
Berryhill, J. A.	Apr. 3, 1947	King Edward	93
Hutchison, J. G.	May 15, 1947	King Edward	93
Johnstone, A.	July 6, 1947	King Edward	93
Barnard, G. A.	Aug. 10, 1947	King Edward	93
Taylor, H. H.	Sep. 7, 1947	King Edward	93
Sloane, H. T.	Nov. 3, 1947	King Edward	93
Young, M. S.	Dec. 3, 1947	King Edward	93
Allen, C. M.	May 17, 1947	Hiram	94
Robertson, P. A.	Sep. 28, 1947	Robbie Burns	100

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
McArthur, D.	Oct. 6, 1947	Robbie Burns	100
Hart, S. J.	Dec. 29, 1947	Robbie Burns	100
Drew, Geo.	July 28, 1947	Binscarth	101
Brotchie, A.	Aug. 9, 1947	Crescent	103
Love, W. J.	Mar. 1, 1947	Reston	104
Burge, B. C.	May 29, 1947	Reston	104
Armstrong, J.	Sep. 29, 1947	Reston	104
Lowry, H. W.	May 15, 1947	Kilwinning	110
Chester, Thos.	Sep. 20, 1947	Kilwinning	110
Lytle, A. C.	Jan. 14, 1947	Acacia	111
Beath, Robt.	Apr. 11, 1947	Acacia	111
Thompson, Wm.	Sep. 14, 1947	Acacia	111
Jessiman, Wm.	Oct. 5, 1947	Acacia	111
Auld, D.	Oct. 23, 1947	Acacia	111
Tweed, H. L.	Jan. 5, 1947	Tweed	113
Banning, Wm.	Apr. 8, 1947	Tweed	113
Cooper, A.	Apr. 11, 1947	Tweed	113
Crawford, W. E.	Apr. 19, 1947	Tweed	113
Iveson, C. H.	Aug. 17, 1947	Tweed	113
Wickett, C. W.	Sep. 3, 1947	Tweed	113
Ward, W. J.	Oct. 2, 1947	Tweed	113
Wilson, Samuel	Jan. 9, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Law, W. A.	Feb. 26, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Potter, D. N.	Mar. 20, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Kobold, Herman V.	May 6, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Dowler, Jas. A.	May 17, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Buchanan, W. P.	May 30, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Taylor, Wm. J.	Sep. 15, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Greenfield, W. J.	Nov. 10, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Dobbs, A. M.	Nov. 27, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Barker, R. D.	Missing since 1944, on active Service	"The Assiniboine"	114

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Green, F. L.	Unable to locate for seven years	"The Assiniboine"	114
Morais, Eugene	Feb. 10, 1947	Rivers	115
Nunn, F.	May 11, 1947	Rivers	115
Davidson, T.	Dec. 20, 1947	Rivers	115
Johansen, S. A.	Feb. 2, 1947	Mound	118
Frith, W. T.	Sep. 29, 1947	Mound	118
Green, F. E.	Mar. 25, 1947	Norwood	119
Mitchinson, H.	May 18, 1947	Norwood	119
Turner, A. W.	Sep. 4, 1947	Norwood	119
Easter, R.	Sep. 14, 1947	Norwood	119
Little, Wm.	Oct. 6, 1947	Norwood	119
Smith, J. G.	Feb. 11, 1947	Penza	120
Garthside, Wm. T.	July 3, 1947	Penza	120
Touring, Walter	July 8, 1947	Penza	120
Gunn, John	Sep. 2, 1947	Transcona	123
Maxwell, C. J. E.	Dec. 14, 1947	Transcona	123
Johnstone, R. R.	Dec. 1, 1947	Favel	126
Wingrove, R.	May 14, 1947	Empire	127
Martin, S. G.	July 9, 1947	Empire	127
Foster, J. H.	Feb. 23, 1947	Victory	128
Smith, E. H. E.	Dec. 3, 1947	Victory	128
Pearson, T. H.	Apr. 23, 1947	Kildonan	131
McCarthy, Wm.	Sep. 21, 1947	Sprague	132
Lusignan, H.	Sep. 23, 1947	Stony Mountain	134
McBurney, J. W.	Mar. 15, 1947	Capitol	136
Spratt, J. G.	May 2, 1947	Lord Selkirk	137
Cann, M. S.	May 6, 1947	Lord Selkirk	137
Alexander, Thos.	Mar. 14, 1947	Windsor	138
Sullivan, H.	Nov. 10, 1947	Windsor	138
Orris, W. F. L.	Jan. 4, 1947	Beaver	139
Wilson, S.	Jan. 8, 1947	Beaver	139
Montgomery, C. B.	Apr. 2, 1947	Beaver	139

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Binkley, E. C.	July 2, 1947	Beaver	139
Stowell, N. W.	July 13, 1947	Beaver	139
Weber, Eugene	Apr. 15, 1947	Meridian	140
Waugh, Wm.	July 16, 1947	Meridian	140
Hughes, Owen	Aug. 26, 1947	Meridian	140
Miles, M.	July 19, 1947	Tuscan	141
Gould, Wm.	Feb. 21, 1947	Mt. Sinai	143
Nichols, E. R.	Aug. 3, 1947	Fort Osborne	144
Drysdale, J. A.	Aug. 16, 1947	Fort Osborne	144
Dack, E. N.	Oct. 10, 1947	Fidelity	146
Lane, R. E.	Nov. 11, 1947	Fidelity	146
Feinty, Wm.	Mar. 31, 1947	Jubilee	147
Dixon, G. J.	Sep. 1, 1947	Seven Oaks	148
Watts, T. J.	Dec. 17, 1947	Seven Oaks	148
Bell, J. A.	Mar. 8, 1947	Flin Flon	153
Watt, Chas.	Nov. 21, 1947	Pine Falls	154

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Bloxham, A. R.	Nov. 18th, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Farley, P. J.	Dec. 16th, 1947	Prince Rupert's	1
Sharp, M. R.	Nov. 18th, 1947	Lisgar	2
Hastie, M.	Dec. 16th, 1947	Lisgar	2
Thomas, W. A.	Nov. 17th, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Knox, J. C.	Nov. 17th, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Dick, D. S.	Nov. 17th, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Dack, D. P.	Dec. 15th, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Macnab, D. C.	Dec. 15th, 1947	Ancient Landmark	3
Canfield, A. S.	Jan. 1947	St. John's	4
Wood, F. E.	Nov. 5th, 1947	St. John's	4
Grant, J. J.	Nov. 5th, 1947	St. John's	4
Sugden, C. R.	Dec. 3rd, 1947	St. John's	4
Swinton, D. S.	Dec. 3rd, 1947	St. John's	4
Shaw, H. P.	Dec. 3rd, 1947	St. John's	4
Reece, S. B.	Dec. 18th, 1947	Emerson	6
Byas, W. C.	Mar. 31st, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Daum, C. G.	Nov. 17th, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Sweet, T. E.	Nov. 17th, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Moffat, H. P.	Dec. 17th, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Sparks, J. W.	Dec. 31st, 1947	Assiniboine	7
Dowler, I. E.	July 9th, 1947	King Solomon	8
Keffer, P. B.	Jan. 16th, 1947	Northern Light	10
Cadman, J. L.	Feb. 20th, 1947	Northern Light	10
Meighen, Wm.	May 15th, 1947	Northern Light	10
Youell, C. W.	Sept. 18th, 1947	Northern Light	10
Jardine, Wm.	Nov. 20th,, 1947	Northern Light	10
McDowell, W. J.	Nov. 20th, 1947	Northern Light	10
Cooper, J. E.	Dec. 8th, 1947	Gladstone	11
Swan, F. W.	Dec. 8th, 1947	Gladstone	11
Appleyard, W. H.	Sept. 4th, 1947	Stonewall	12
Rosenberg, J.	Sept. 4th, 1947	Stonewall	12
Leatherdale, Nelson	Nov. 20th, 1947	Morden	13
Walker, Robt.	Apr. 10th, 1947	Prince of Wales	14
Meadows, R. E.	Dec. 11th, 1947	Prince of Wales	14
Beaubier, George	Nov. 11th,, 1947	Brandon	19
Dyker, Rev. G. F.	Jan. 14th, 1947	Neepawa	24
Bowman, James	Dec. 31st, 1947	Ionic	25
Lorimer, Charles	Feb. 3rd, 1947	Ionic	25
Potten, Vigor W.	June 2nd, 1947	Ionic	25
Foley, C. J.	Mar. 28th, 1947	Glenwood	27

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
MacDonald, K. R.	May 23rd, 1947	Glenwood	27
Charters, J.	May 23rd, 1947	Glenwood	27
Joss, J. M.	Oct. 24th, 1947	Glenwood	27
Scarfe, C. S.	Oct. 24th, 1947	Glenwood	27
Mongor, R. F.	Nov. 28th, 1947	Glenwood	27
Ordish, R. F.	Nov. 28th, 1947	Glenwood	27
Webb, C. E.	Nov. 28th, 1947	Glenwood	27
Ashworth, Chas.	Apr. 29th, 1947	Carberry	29
Kneeshaw, A. G.	Nov. 23rd, 1947	Carberry	29
Johannesson, O. C.	Jan. 28th, 1947	Doric	36
Nesbitt, T. G.	Jan. 28th, 1947	Doric	36
Judson, A. R.	Jan. 28th, 1947	Doric	36
Robbins, A. J.	Sept. 23rd, 1947	Doric	36
Sankey, C. I.	Sept. 28th, 1947	Doric	36
Hurlin, James	Mar. 31st, 1947	Birtle	39
Goodine, James	Jan. 15th,, 1947	Deloraine	40
Buick, Saml.	Nov. 19th, 1947	Deloraine	40
Morrison, J. R.	Feb. 4th, 1947	Lebanon	43
Wilkinson, A. W.	Dec. 2nd, 1947	Lebanon	43
Alder, Ellis D.	Sept. 11th, 1947	Oak Lake	44
Baillie, D. N.	Dec. 19th, 1947	Oak Lake	44
Adams, L. J.	Sept. 16th, 1947	Temple	49
Coleman, C. C.	Jan. 20th, 1947	Killarney	50
Staples, M. H.	Jan. 31st, 1947	Treherne	51
Hugo, V. H.	Dec. 26th, 1947	Treherne	51
Keith, N. B.	Jan. 2nd, 1947	Hartney	52
Cameron, A. E.	Jan. 28th, 1947	Oriental	54
Musson, H. P.	Nov. 25th, 1947	Oriental	54
Halliday, George	Jan. 14th, 1947	Russell	62
Bradley, W. J.	Oct. 20th, 1947	Russell	62
King, C. F.	Dec. 9th, 1947	Russell	62
Lloyd, W. G.	Dec. 9th, 1947	Russell	62
Slack, G. C.	Dec. 9th, 1947	Russell	62
Little, Wm. J.	Nov. 20th, 1947	Composite	64
White, F. H.	Nov. 24th, 1947	Wawanesa	67
McPhail, L. D.	Nov. 6th, 1947	Vermillion	68
Warner, H. A.	Nov. 6th, 1947	Vermillion	68
Parker, J. D.	Dec. 2nd, 1947	Vermillion	68
Brooks, T. K.	Jan. 9th, 1947	Shiloh	70
Squires, R. W.	Mar. 13th, 1947	Shiloh	70
Franklin, H. G.	Nov. 13th, 1947	Shiloh	70
Stewart, J. C.	Jan. 1st, 1947	Crystal	71

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Lowe, P. J.	Jan. 14th, 1947	Crystal	71
Moore, Chas.	Nov. 12th, 1947	Gothic	75
Gow, H. F. M.	May 1st, 1947	Napinka	77
Horn, M. J.	Jan. 10th, 1947	Cypress	82
Ross, E. D. M.	Dec. 4th, 1947	Cypress	82
Hardman, E. T.	Feb. 25th, 1947	Hamiota	84
Elliott,, F.	May 27th, 1947	Hamiota	84
Moir, A. S.	Dec. 23rd, 1947	Hamiota	84
Boyer, C. R.	Dec. 15th, 1947	Midlothian	90
Wilson, H. E.	Jan. 9th, 1947	Shoal Lake	92
George, G. A.	Nov. 13th, 1947	Shoal Lake	92
Cox, J. A.	Dec. 11th, 1947	Shoal Lake	92
Spearman, G. E.	Dec. 11th, 1947	Shoal Lake	92
Lardner, G. M.	Jan. 15th, 1947	King Edward	93
Allen, Thomas	Jan. 15th, 1947	King Edward	93
Southward, W. H.	Feb. 19th, 1947	King Edward	93
Clark, J. W.	May 21st, 1947	King Edward	93
Brommell, Thos.	Nov. 19th, 1947	King Edward	93
Tredwell, H. W.	Nov. 19th, 1947	King Edward	93
Custance, G. A.	Nov. 20th, 1947	Hiram	94
Fulford, G. St. C.	May, 8th, 1947	Reston	104
Ballance, W. T.	Sept. 11th, 1947	Reston	104
Jessett, Frank	Dec. 11th, 1947	Reston	104
Bradley, W. H.	Dec. 11th, 1947	Reston	104
Bielby, S. P.	Jan. 2nd, 1947	Prince Arthur	105
Cox, Chas. E.	June 5th, 1947	Prince Arthur	105
Levins, T. I.	July 3rd, 1947	Prince Arthur	105
Osborn, F. F.	Dec. 3rd, 1947	Prince Arthur	105
Williamson, J. C.	Nov. 26th, 1947	Lansdowne	107
Hartwell, W. F.	Mar. 5th, 1947	Swan Lake	109
Johnson, Ole G.	July 1st, 1947	Swan Lake	109
Beattie, A. H. G.	Jan. 27th, 1947	Kilwinning	110
Atkins, C. C.	Sept. 10th, 1947	Acacia	111
Stewart, H. A.	Nov. 7th, 1947	Ophir	112
Bainard, B. E.	Jan. 21st, 1947	Tweed	113
Blackadder, F.	Feb. 4th, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Ewart, T. G.	Feb. 4th, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Alward, F. P	Nov. 4th, 1947	"The Assiniboine"	114
Mills, I. G.	June 30th, 1947	Rivers	115
Scott, R. W.	June 30th, 1947	Rivers	115
Thomas, C. M.	May 26th, 1947	Rivers	115

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Hanlon, J. A.	Nov. 26th, 1947	Rivers	115
Woods, W. O.	Dec. 29th, 1947	Rivers	115
Wray, R.	May 5th, 1947	St. Andrew's	116
Goodbrand, Walter	Apr. 1st, 1947	Strathcona	117
Harper, H. C.	Sept. 30th, 1947	Strathcona	117
Eldon, G. H.	Nov. 25th, 1947	Strathcona	117
Toews, E.	Feb. 22nd, 1947	Mound	118
McPhail, D. M.	Nov. 27th, 1947	Mound	118
Leatherdale, R. Clare	Apr. 10th, 1947	Norwood	119
Jackson, H. B.	Feb. 13th, 1947	Norwood	119
Coghill, Alex.	Dec. 12th, 1947	Norwood	119
Stinson, H. M. B.	Jan. 13th, 1947	Roblin	122
Day, J. Bruce	Dec. 8th, 1947	Roblin	122
Hunsrud, O. C.	June 6th, 1947	Transcona	123
Johnson, C. S.	June 6th, 1947	Transcona	123
Binkley, J. M.	Dec. 5th, 1947	Transcona	123
Pipes, J. R.	Dec. 4th, 1947	The Pas	124
Marshall, John	Jan. 14th, 1947	Empire	127
Thomson, A. H.	Oct. 27th, 1947	Empire	127
Dixon, H. G.	Apr. 9th, 1947	Fort Garry	130
Goulden, C. H.	May 14th, 1947	Fort Garry	130
Thompson, W. T. S.	Sept. 10th, 1947	Fort Garry	130
Gilmore, Samuel	Oct. 8th, 1947	Fort Garry	130
Strong, M. B.	Nov. 12th, 1947	Fort Garry	130
Brady, Jasper	Dec. 10th, 1947	Fort Garry	130
McKay, J. G.	Dec. 10th, 1947	Fort Garry	130
Gibson, S. M.	Feb. 11th, 1947	Kildonan	131
Gray, J. R.	Jan. 8th, 1947	Sprague	132
McLeod, N.	Nov. 11th, 1947	McCreary	133
Johnstone, S. B.	Dec. 4th, 1947	Stony Mountain	134
McLean, Ed.	Feb. 9th, 1947	Lord Selkirk	137
Challoner, G. F.	Sept. 10th, 1947	Lord Selkirk	137
Todhunter, J.	Jan. 13th, 1947	Windsor	138
Bridgman, M. C.	Feb. 13th, 1947	Beaver	139
McCann, C. H.	Feb. 13th, 1947	Beaver	139
Stickney, E. S.	Feb. 13th, 1947	Beaver	139
Glencross, John	Oct. 9th, 1947	Beaver	139
Campbell, H. A.	Dec. 11th, 1947	Beaver	139
Pierpoint, J. F.	Dec. 11th, 1947	Beaver	139
Brown, G. A.	Feb. 20th, 1947	Meridian	140
Munro, G. S.	Nov. 20th, 1947	Meridian	140
Harper, F. W.	Dec. 18th, 1947	Meridian	140

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Patterson, D. A.	Dec. 28th, 1947	Harmony	142
Cooke, E. E.	Nov. 17th, 1947	Fidelity	146
Vinet, J. P.	Dec. 19th, 1947	Fidelity	146
Dalton, Robt.	Jan. 9th, 1947	Jubilee	147
Magee, W. A.	Mar. 31st, 1947	Jubilee	147
Holmes, A. E.	May 22nd, 1947	Seven Oaks	148
Fletcher, Robt.	Nov. 14th, 1947	Seven Oaks	148
Laycock, B.	Feb. 5th, 1947	Foxwarren	152
Gwillam, O. B.	Nov. 4th, 1947	Flin Flon	153
Mearns, J. H.	Jan. 10th, 1947	Pine Falls	154
Fraser, Dan.	Sept. 12th, 1947	Pine Falls	154
Fults, E. A.	Dec. 12th, 1947	Pine Falls	154
Henstock, R. C.	Feb. 24th, 1947	Carman	155
Murray, J. H.	Nov. 17th, 1947	Manitouwapa	156

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas. Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston		*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thos. Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	*Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells.
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1915	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	C. F. Hasselfield	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J. Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George R. Calvert

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12th OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER—Continued.

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1935	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. George R. Calvert
1936	*Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Canon G. R. Calvert	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	J. J. Henderson	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S .H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1943	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1946	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	*Alex. Burgess	Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1947	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Alex. Burgess	Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1948	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	Hugh A. Innes	W. Percy White	Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. R. S. Montgomery

* Dead † Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Eric Osborne	W. K. Mulock	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	K. I. Johnson	John Veitch	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	L. H. Woodiwiss	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	G. W. Reed	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	R. H. J. Long	K. C. R. Coulter	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	L. J. McDougall	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	R. M. Sanders	O. B. Cossitt	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	N. W. Coddington	Robt. Collier	Third Thursday
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	C. M. Wilson	E. J. Cresswell	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	M. M. Good	M. R. Good	First Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	J. A. Beaudry	Wm. Godfrey	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	M. A. Clow	E. Kitchingman	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	R. M. Spearin	Arthur Dennis	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	Richard Page	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	R. H. Scott	Arthur Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	R. W. Cameron	M. Cobban	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	H. R. Willson	H. A. Croll	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	H. R. Inglefield	R. J. Hood	Second Tuesday
30	Manitou	Manitou	N. H. Ashley	J. A. F. Hill	First Monday
36	Doric	Boissevain	C. R. Zetterstrom	C. A. McKenzie	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	C. E. Tibbatts	T. A. Wilson	Third Monday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	G. H. Jenkins	J. Wat. Thomson	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	G. A. Mooney	Clarence Moore	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	W. P. Whitcomb	P. W. Paul	Second Thursday
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	W. R. Donogh	A. S. Hames	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	MacGregor	W. A. Heselwood	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	G. L. Church	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	G. T. McNeill	H. A. Adair	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	E. H. Mills	J. L. Crowe	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	N. A. Gould	J. G. Cobb	Fourth Tuesday
55	East Star	Gretna	J. W. Simpson	G. G. McEdward	First Thursday
62	Russell	Russell	W. J. Brown	C. E. Whitmer	Second Tuesday
63	Holland	Holland	W. A. Ferris	W. H. Zachary	Second Wednesday
64	Composite	Alexander	M. J. McManes	L. W. Skinner	Third Thursday
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	C. N. Ailsby	C. L. Atkinson	Monday on or before full moon

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
68	**Vermillion**	Dauphin	Thos. Hutchison	A. L. Wrye	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	R. C. Glover	C. H. Glover	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	R. S. McGill	H. H. Howard	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	W. M. Black	H. J. Jones	Fourth Tuesday
75	Gothic	Austin	Douglas McIntyre	G. M. Hay	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	M. L. Yeomans	A. S. Baskier	First Thursday
82	Cypress	Cypress River	S. S. Bryan	R. I. Connon	First Thursday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	M. M. G. Little	A. Cummings	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	W. E. McBrien	E. J. Smillie	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	T. D. Huggart	E. B. Litz	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	Midlothian	Miami	John Stewart	A. C. Orchard	Third Monday
92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	J. W. Musgrove	B. H. Manning	Second Thursday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	N. O. Morrison	S. A. Restall	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	Allan Doak	D. N. McIntyre	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	R. M. Woodard	A. W. Knott	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	Thos. McLennan	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	Miniota	Miniota	J. B. Mitchell	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	E. J. Penston	D. R. Woods	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	E. H. Patmore	John Cuthill	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	J. A. McIntosh	P. E. Zinger	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	T. D. McLean	H. W. Clark	Third Tuesday
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	A. H. Moir	J. G. McMillan	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	C. R. Kinney	W. H. Clegg	First Thursday
109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	J. H. Schenk	G. O. Couch	Wednesday on or before full moon
110	**Kilwinning**	Minto	H. V. Popple	Wm. Flewitt	Second Monday
111	Acacia	Winnipeg	A. C. Slessor	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	L. M. Bruce	Wm. Craik	First Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	Wm. D. Gall	Ed. Braun	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	R. A. Sara	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	G. H. White	R. G. Sinclair	Last Monday
116	**St. Andrew's**	Wellwood	S. O. Barber	J. H. Caldwell	Monday on or after full moon
117	**Strathcona**	Belmont	W. C. Amos	D. G. MacFarlane	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	L. R. McKay	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	E. H. Pascoe	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	**Penza**	Dominion City	H. W. Davison	A. G. Froom	Fourth Tuesday

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
121	St. James	St. James	G. W. Rattray	Thos. King	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	Harry Maslove	Geo. Kelso	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	E. E. Buckby	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	H. J. Aitchison	Geo. Coghill	First Thursday
125	Patricia	Sperling	J. H. Murray	J. J. Tjaden	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	J. F. Johnston	H. Laing	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Winnipeg	George Smith	Jas. Wardrope	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	W. J. Hawkins	A. Isfeld	Third Wednesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	L. J. Hogg	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	East Kildonan	P. V. Samson	A. H. Brotheridge	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	Thos. McCarthy	J. W. Emes	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	J. H. Hanson	T. E. Squire	Second Thursday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	Thos. Hartley	R. L. Walker	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	T. E. Burnett	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	T. A. McMaster	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	P. T. Houston	J. B. McClure	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	C. J. Timleck	F. H. Herbert	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	J. M. Ross	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	H. E. Harris	A. R. Simpson	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	W. H. English	S. W. Smith	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai	Winnipeg	Isaac Zipursky	F. B. Dubinsky	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	M. A. M. MacIver	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	Nels Pearson	E. W. Browne	Second Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	E. J. Heaney	Wm. Wilson	Third Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	Henry Stevens	G. V. Jenkins	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	West Kildonan	George Milne	A. C. Fritchard	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	J. M. Shewfelt	C. I. Day	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	East Kildonan	Robert Miller	Robt. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	J. M. Murchison	V. G. Hillcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	John Greenberg	Arthur Young	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	W. M. Lauchlan	Wm. Bird	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	Nels B. Refvik	J. A. Leslie	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	G. J. Breckman	W. A. L. Armstrong	Third Monday
U.D.	Rice Lake	Bissett	Frank Sutton	G. H. Lucas	First Friday
U D.	Fenwick	Brandon	M. S. Donovan	F. M. Offer	Fourth Friday
U.D.	Newdale	Newdale	J. M. Sinclair	R. G. Brown	First Thursday

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1	Prince Rupert's .	16	12	10	6	2	2	....	....	15	404	411
2	Lisgar..........	13	7	7	4	3	2	2	....	2	139	153
3	Ancient Landmark	21	16	17	3	1	5	....	....	11	345	354
4	St. John's.......	28	25	24	8	2	6	1	....	14	586	603
6	Emerson........	6	4	3	....	....	1	....	....	2	68	71
7	Assiniboine......	17	15	13	3	....	5	2	....	5	248	256
8	King Solomon....	2	2	1	....	1	1	....	....	1	71	72
10	Northern Light...	22	21	21	7	1	6	4	....	6	291	305
11	Gladstone.......	2	4	5	....	....	2	....	....	1	76	75
12	Stonewall.......	5	5	11	2	1	2	....	....	1	112	117
13	Morden.........	7	2	1	....	....	1	....	....	2	84	88
14	Prince of Wales..	6	6	6	2	....	2	....	....	1	110	115
15	Corinthian......	4	3	1	2	2	....	....	....	....	58	66
19	Brandon........	21	25	24	4	2	1	2	....	4	208	228
24	Neepawa........	19	16	16	2	....	1	....	....	6	150	164
25	Ionic...........	36	39	38	2	1	3	....	....	16	551	571
27	Glenwood.......	4	7	7	2	1	8	6	....	1	175	167
29	Carberry........	3	3	3	2	....	2	....	....	....	71	74
30	Manitou........	4	5	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	64
36	Doric..........	3	6	6	5	2	5	1	....	2	94	96
39	Birtle..........	5	5	5	....	....	1	1	....	1	51	53
40	Deloraine	4	5	5	1	....	2	1	....	4	88	86
43	Lebanon........	6	6	7	2	....	2	1	....	2	100	103
44	Oak Lake.......	3	4	1	....	....	2	....	....	2	32	31
48	Glenboro........	9	11	8	....	....	....	....	....	2	58	65
49	Temple	4	3	2	3	....	1	....	....	4	87	89

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50	Killarney	6	7	7	2	....	1	....	....	3	68	72
51	Treherne	1	1	....	2	1	2	....	....	1	55	56
52	Hartney	4	4	4	3	....	1	....	....	1	96	101
54	Oriental	2	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	58	58
55	East Star	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	37	36
62	Russell	1	....	....	3	....	5	....	....	1	58	56
63	Holland	5	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	63	68
64	Composite	2	2	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	53	55
67	Wawanesa	2	3	3	....	....	1	....	....	2	60	59
68	**Vermillion**	7	6	6	1	2	3	....	....	2	181	186
70	Shiloh	7	7	8	....	....	3	....	....	3	83	84
71	Crystal	7	8	9	3	2	2	....	....	2	62	70
74	Elkhorn	2	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	52	53
75	Gothic	2	2	2	....	....	1	3	....	....	60	58
77	Napinka	1	4	4	....	....	1	1	....	1	73	71
82	Cypress	5	4	2	1	1	2	....	....	1	39	43
84	Hamiota	13	11	10	2	1	3	1	....	2	54	64
86	Elgin	2	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	69	71
87	Rathwell	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	23
90	Midlothian	2	2	4	....	....	1	....	....	....	79	80
92	Shoal Lake	1	1	3	....	1	4	....	....	3	90	85
93	King Edward	17	14	15	1	1	6	1	....	12	310	310
94	Hiram	4	4	8	....	3	1	....	....	1	80	85
100	Robbie Burns	3	5	3	3	....	....	1	....	3	32	34
101	Binscarth	....	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	38	37
102	Miniota	3	2	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	56	58
103	Crescent	....	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	76	75

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104	Reston.........	12	12	17	....	....	4	....	....	3	157	162
105	Prince Arthur...	18	18	17	....	....	4	2	....	....	85	97
106	Strathclair......	5	6	5	....	1	....	1	....	....	48	53
107	Lansdowne......	3	3	3	1	....	1	....	....	....	44	47
108	Union..........	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	49
109	Swan Lake......	4	4	3	....	2	2	....	....	....	32	36
110	Kilwinning......	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	2	54	52
111	Acacia..........	26	25	22	1	1	1	....	....	5	220	242
112	Ophir..........	3	3	4	1	2	1	....	....	....	55	60
113	Tweed..........	17	18	16	7	1	1	1	....	7	261	277
114	"The Assiniboine"	14	8	11	7	....	3	....	....	11	347	354
115	Rivers..........	2	....	1	....	....	5	2	....	3	70	62
116	St. Andrew's ...	....	....	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	37	36
117	Strathcona......	4	1	1	....	....	3	1	....	....	63	63
118	Mound..........	6	6	5	1	1	2	....	....	2	71	75
119	Norwood........	24	23	23	3	...	6	1	....	6	227	241
120	Penza..........	3	6	6	....	1	....	....	....	....	36	40
121	St. James.......	16	15	15	10	....	....	....	....	3	202	225
122	Roblin.........	8	8	8	1	....	2	....	....	1	56	62
123	Transcona......	13	13	15	2	....	3	2	....	2	160	168
124	The Pas........	7	3	3	2	....	1	....	....	....	105	113
125	Patricia........	5	5	5	1	1	....	....	....	1	40	46+1
126	Favel..........	3	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	1	48	51
127	Empire.........	11	16	16	2	....	2	....	....	2	154	163
128	Victory.........	10	9	9	....	1	....	...	....	2	43	52

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130	Fort Garry......	33	27	29	2	....	7	....	....	....	219	247
131	Kildonan.......	12	12	12	....	1	1	....	....	1	113	124
132	Sprague........	7	3	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	27	32
133	McCreary.......	4	6	7	1	....	1	....	....	....	45	49
134	Stony Mountain..	6	6	8	4	2	1	3	....	1	61	68
136	Capitol.........	19	19	19	3	....	....	....	....	1	196	217
137	Lord Selkirk....	7	7	7	4	....	2	....	....	2	102	109
138	Windsor........	15	15	15	6	....	1	....	....	2	135	153
139	Beaver.........	15	20	19	5	2	6	....	....	5	249	260
140	Meridian........	17	18	18	6	1	3	1	....	3	297	314
141	Tuscan.........	9	11	7	1	2	....	....	....	...	79	91
142	Harmony.......	3	3	3	1	....	1	....	....	...	30	33
143	Mt. Sinai........	13	14	14	5	....	....	....	....	2	257	273
144	Fort Osborne....	23	16	16	3	....	....	....	....	2	139	163
145	Sturgeon Creek..	16	15	15	1	....	....	....	....	...	112	129
146	Fidelity........	27	30	30	3	2	2	....	....	2	166	194
147	Jubilee.........	1	4	5	....	....	2	....	....	1	56	54
148	Seven Oaks......	11	11	4	2	....	2	....	....	2	96	105
150	Cartwright......	2	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	...	32	36
151	The Dormer.....	12	9	12	....	....	....	....	....	...	73	85
152	Foxwarren......	1	...	....	....	....	1	....	....	...	36	36
153	Flin Flon.......	7	6	6	....	1	1	1	....	1	111	116
154	Pine Falls.......	6	6	6	1	....	3	....	....	1	51	54
155	Carman........	5	4	5	1	....	1	4	....	1	70	70
156	Manitouwapa	12	14	13	....	....	1	....	....	...	62	73

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1947—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1946	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1947
U.D.	Rice Lake......	5	5	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
U.D.	Fenwick.......	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
U.D.	Newdale.......	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	9

SUMMARY

	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1946	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1947
Page 1	294	278	271	71	20	76	21	...	115	4865	5038
Page 2	219	215	224	34	20	62	16	...	73	3311	3433
Page 3	356	350	346	70	13	45	11	...	40	3622	3965
Page 4 (U.D.)	5	5	...	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
	874	848	841	259	53	183	48	...	228	11798	12525
									Net Increase	727	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1946	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1947
1945	699	639	627	99	88	140	50	...	184	10557	11069
	Error of one in final total, 1945										11068
1946	901	840	867	152	75	170	39	1	188	11068	11798
1947	874	848	841	259	53	183	48	...	288	11798	12525
									Net Increase	727	

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership as at January 1st, 1947 11798

	1944	1945	1946	1947
Additions:				
Initiations	619	699	901	874
Re-Instated	80	88	74	53
Affiliations	131	99	170	259
Totals	830	886	1145	1186
Removals:				
By Demit	116	140	181	183
Suspensions N.P.D.	53	50	27	48
Suspensions U.M.C.	...	...	1	...
By Death	212	184	188	228
	381	374	397	459
Net Increase	449	512	748	727

Membership as at January 1st, 1948 12525

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEGREES CONFERRED

	1944	1945	1946	1947
Entered Apprentice	619	699	901	874
Fellow Craft	502	639	940	848
Master Mason	535	627	869	841
Totals	1656	1965	2710	2563

TABULAR STATEMENT—BY DISTRICTS

NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec 31, 1946	Member-ship Dec 31, 1947
First District........	231	214	212	50	9	40	7	...	101	3637	3779
Second District......	53	51	52	11	...	14	5	...	16	821	850
Third District........	30	31	24	3	4	10	1	...	7	469	488
Fourth District.....	35	36	37	13	5	11	1	...	11	471	501
Fifth District........	44	40	39	19	5	22	6	...	12	699	727
Sixth District........	29	33	39	8	1	19	8	...	13	770	768
Seventh District.....	54	61	56	78	3	8	4	...	16	750	857
Eighth District.......	38	33	33	2	3	8	4	...	11	511	531
Ninth District........	54	57	59	6	6	12	3	...	11	581	621
Tenth District.......	93	86	92	16	9	16	7	...	10	922	1007
Twelfth District.....	194	192	189	39	7	21	1	...	19	1951	2150
Under G.M...........	19	14	9	14	1	2	1	...	1	216	246
	874	848	841	259	53	183	48	...	228	11798	12525

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1947.

NO.	NAME	PRIOR TO JUNE 3/43	AFTER JUNE 3/43	TOTAL
1	Prince Rupert's	73	27	100
2	Lisgar	16	4	20
3	Ancient Landmark	118	64	182
4	St. John's	226	21	247
6	Emerson	1	1	2
7	Assiniboine	17	1	18
8	King Solomon	12	0	12
10	Northern Light	22	10	32
11	Gladstone	0	0	0
12	Stonewall	4	7	11
13	Morden	3	1	4
14	Prince of Wales	4	4	8
15	Corinthian	4	2	6
19	Brandon	12	4	16
24	Neepawa	22	8	30
25	Ionic	114	5	119
27	Glenwood	19	15	34
29	Carberry	1	0	1
30	Manitou	2	3	5
36	Doric	2	0	2
39	Birtle	1	0	1
40	Deloraine	0	0	0
43	Lebanon	3	6	9
44	Oak Lake	2	1	3
48	Glenboro	5	3	8
49	Temple	2	0	2
50	Killarney	6	6	12
51	Treherne	3	0	3
52	Hartney	1	3	4
54	Oriental	3	0	3
55	East Star	4	2	6
62	Russell	0	4	4
63	Holland	2	3	5
64	Composite	7	2	9
67	Wawanesa	0	0	0
68	Vermillion	8	1	9
70	Shiloh	3	2	5
71	Crystal	1	2	3
74	Elkhorn	1	1	2
75	Gothic	0	1	1
77	Napinka	2	2	4
82	Cypress	3	0	3
84	Hamiota	1	1	2

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1947.

NO.	NAME	PRIOR TO JUNE 3/43	AFTER JUNE 3/43	TOTAL
86	Elgin	4	0	4
87	Rathwell	0	0	0
90	Midlothian	1	4	5
92	Shoal Lake	5	0	5
93	King Edward	58	3	61
94	Hiram	5	1	6
100	Robbie Burns	3	1	4
101	Binscarth	0	0	0
102	Miniota	4	1	5
103	Crescent	0	0	0
104	Reston	2	0	2
105	Prince Arthur	7	0	7
106	Strathclair	1	0	1
107	Lansdowne	1	0	1
108	Union	3	3	6
109	Swan Lake	0	0	0
110	Kilwinning	3	0	3
111	Acacia	17	18	35
112	Ophir	0	1	1
113	Tweed	2	1	3
114	"The Assiniboine"	40	35	75
115	Rivers	5	1	6
116	St. Andrew's	4	0	4
117	Strathcona	0	0	0
118	Mound	2	1	3
119	Norwood	10	9	19
120	Penza	0	3	3
121	St. James	13	2	15
122	Roblin	5	2	7
123	Transcona	3	0	3
124	The Pas	8	6	14
125	Patricia	0	0	0
126	Favel	0	0	0
127	Empire	5	0	5
128	Victory	0	0	0
130	Fort Garry	0	0	0
131	Kildonan	4	6	10
132	Sprague	0	0	0
133	McCreary	3	0	3
134	Stony Mountain	3	4	7
136	Capitol	2	11	13
137	Lord Selkirk	2	0	2
138	Windsor	4	0	4

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1947.

NO.	NAME	PRIOR TO JUNE 3/43	AFTER JUNE 3/43	TOTAL
139	Beaver	4	9	13
140	Meridian	11	10	21
141	Tuscan	0	0	0
142	Harmony	1	3	4
143	Mt. Sinai	3	0	3
144	Fort Osborne	0	0	0
145	Sturgeon Creek	2	3	5
146	Fidelity	4	2	6
147	Jubilee	0	0	0
148	Seven Oaks	0	0	0
150	Cartwright	1	0	1
151	The Dormer	0	2	2
152	Foxwarren	1	0	1
153	Flin Flon	2	0	2
154	Pine Falls	0	0	0
155	Carman	3	5	8
156	Manitouwapa	0	2	2
U.D.	Rice Lake	0	0	0
U.D.	Fenwick	0	0	0
U.D.	Newdale	0	0	0
		991	366	1357

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY AFFILIATION IN THE CONSTITUENT LODGES STILL FUNCTIONING, SINCE DECEMBER 10th, 1870

1	Prince Rupert's	516
2	Lisgar	127
3	Ancient Landmark	395
4	St. John's	497
5	Emerson	103
7	Assiniboine	265
8	King Solomon	54
10	Northern Light	429
11	Gladstone	73
12	Stonewall	92
13	Morden	115
14	Prince of Wales	122
15	Corinthian	60
19	Brandon	249
24	Neepawa	113
25	Ionic	348
27	Glenwood	106
29	Carberry	79
30	Manitou	80
36	Doric	108
39	Birtle	60
40	Deloraine	88
43	Lebanon	102
44	Oak Lake	46
48	Glenboro	37
49	Temple	52
50	Killarney	71
51	Treherne	52
52	Hartney	60
54	Oriental	54
55	East Star	31
62	Russell	47
63	Holland	42
64	Composite	27
67	Wawanesa	30
68	Vermillion	131
70	Shiloh	55
71	Crystal	48
74	Elkhorn	42
75	Gothic	30
77	Napinka	35
82	Cypress	26
84	Hamiota	50
86	Elgin	32
87	Rathwell	21
90	Midlothian	42
92	Shoal Lake	42
93	King Edward	206
94	Hiram	46
100	Robbie Burns	40
101	Binscarth	30
102	Miniota	31
103	Crescent	34
104	Reston	58
105	Prince Arthur	81
106	Strathclair	32
107	Lansdowne	21
108	Union	20
109	Swan Lake	20
110	Kilwinning	26
111	Acacia	153
112	Ophir	36
113	Tweed	260
114	"The Assiniboine"	367
115	Rivers	40
116	St. Andrew's	25
117	Strathcona	43
118	Mound	37
119	Norwood	158
120	Penza	20
121	St. James	159
122	Roblin	42
123	Transcona	99
124	The Pas	62
125	Patricia	24
126	Favel	21
127	Empire	81
128	Victory	34
130	Fort Garry	162
131	Kildonan	66
132	Sprague	12
133	McCreary	40
134	Stony Mountain	54
136	Capitol	113
137	Lord Selkirk	100
138	Windsor	99
139	Beaver	129
140	Meridian	192

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY AFFILIATION IN THE CONSTITUENT LODGES STILL FUNCTIONING SINCE DECEMBER 10th, 1870—Continued

141 Tuscan	44
142 Harmony	23
143 Mt. Sinai	84
144 Ft. Osborne	75
145 Sturgeon Creek	53
146 Fidelity	86
147 Jubilee	22
148 Seven Oaks	60
150 Cartwright	26
151 The Dormer	40
152 Foxwarren	34
153 Flin Flon	50
154 Pine Falls	34
155 Carman	68
156 Manitouwapa	31
Rice Lake U.D.	12
Fenwick U.D.	62
Newdale U.D.	9
Total	6,443
Master Mason Certs.	25,735
Affiliates	6,443
Total	32,178

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's. .	9	8	17	123	280	70	11	97.50	1,545.41	885.50	478.15	17,870.66	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	8	17	82	272	85	24	305.00	320.00	1,310.85	1,693.50	30,271.08	2,900.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's	9	11	20	141	474	100	18	280.00	115.00	777.44	434.30	22,199.70	6,750.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light. .	9	8	17	75	230	79	25	220.00	654.70	1,491.78	45.00	11,614.59	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic	10	18	28	145	426	107	28	389.00	1,365.70	1,774.30	46,855.98	6,800.65	2,500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward . . .	9	7	16	64	244	90	28	296.00	507.73	430.90	218.73	8,807.23	1,600.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia	9	13	22	42	201	60	20	145.00	201.25	1,133.11	829.91	9,978.20	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	2	12	77	277	70	7	70.00	349.35	2,009.73	Nil	17,786.58	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood	9	21	30	34	208	75	21	210.00	60.00	1,780.82	110.00	9,758.57	8,700.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James	9	11	20	33	190	70	22	180.00	145.30	1,059.97	115.00	9,644.97	500.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire	9	9	18	29	162	87	16	128.00	257.75	2,027.51	265.64	6,892.79	6,000.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

29	Carberry	12	1	13	33	35	20	7	82.00	$ 42.30	$ 222.70	Nil	$3,852.70	$ 3,000.00	Active	1	Own
133	McCreary	12	1	13	12	36	15	2	20.00	15.00	22.75	$1,550.00	2,872.75	2,400.00	Active	1	Own
7	Assiniboine	12	25	37	86	152	47	29	215.00	322.89	1,282.90	323.50	15,246.12	16,000.00	Active	1	Own
24	Neepawa	10	11	21	53	111	38	7	56.00	111.55	227.39	1,686.00	3,841.39	3,000.00	Active	1	Rent
108	Union	8	3	11	26	23	15	9	45.00	Nil	217.69	Nil	2,153.44	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone	12	3	15	32	43	20	3	21.00	132.00	101.00	62.25	4,588.75	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple	12	6	18	28	59	30	51	255.00	40.00	286.32	Nil	4,386.32	3,500.00	Active	1	Own
75	Gothic	12	1	13	23	35	15	2	10.00	20.00	187.38	Nil	2,337.38	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
116	St. Andrew's . .	9	0	9	21	14	12	12	72.00	25.00	76.82	Nil	2,776.82	1,200.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro	10	2	12	26	39	20	9	70.00		549.41	100.65	798.76	350.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne	11	2	13	20	35	25	1	6.00		267.04	Nil	2,767.04	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
63	Holland	9	1	10	26	42	24	7	54.00		301.75	Nil	1,361.75	400.00	Active	1	Rent
67	Wawanesa	12	2	14	16	43	25	9	190.00		131.81	Nil	981.81	250.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress	9	1	10	19	24	12	3	42.00		222.67	Nil	422.67	200.00	Active	1	Rent
87	Rathwell	9	1	10	7	15	15	4	30.00		236.39	Nil	522.89	300.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent	9	2	11	21	64	29	Nil	Nil		305.11	100.00	2,167.11	800.00	Active	1	Rent
109	Swan Lake	8	2	10	10	25	17	5	78.00		333.54	Nil	533.54	200.00	Active	1	Rent
117	Strathcona	12	1	13	33	30	18	18	200.00		662.54	Nil	2,562.54	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
13	Morden	10	1	11	47	43	20	7	72.50	135.00	1,189.34	Nil	3,089.34	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou	10	2	12	24	40	16	10	81.50	166.20	1,300.77	Nil	3,238.19	350.00	Active	1	Rent
36	Doric	11	2	13	15	81	30	5	40.00	19.40	1,415.30	2,700.00	3,016.30	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney	10	2	12	20	52	19	..	......	30.00	285.63	Nil	2,035.63	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	12	3	15	16	52	28	7	35.00	287.10	638.92	Nil	1,138.92	200.00	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	12	3	15	20	55	18	19	114.00	56.50	401.31	Nil	951.31	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright	10	..	10	17	19	14	13	96.00	35.00	447.62	Nil	587.62	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
62	Russell	12	2	14	18	38	17	5	39.00	186.00	110.60	......	1,610.60	1,200.00	Active	1	Rent
101	Binscarth	10	2	12	11	26	..	12	104.00	64.00	87.52	......	787.52	500.00	Active		Rent
152	Foxwarren	11	2	13	13	23	14	5	43.00	......	282.22	......	1,767.22	1,300.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle	10	2	12	15	38	22	7	45.00	148.85	344.08	46.00	3,103.00	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
92	Shoal Lake	11	3	14	37	48	20	16	159.00	......	723.73	660.00	2,127.73	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair	12	0	12	16	37	21	2	19.00	185.62	186.32	......	2,125.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
14	Prince of Wales .	11	3	14	58	59	..	16	188.00	125.00	189.91	......	7,000.00	6,000.00	Active		Own
15	Corinthian	10	1	11	6	60	21	4	20.00	......	616.59	......	3,616.59	2,600.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony	9	0	9	13	20	12	16	100.00	......	456.90	......	956.90	500.00	Active	1	Rent
115	Rivers	10	1	11	28	35	17	8	65.00	168.00	764.22	......	3,064.22	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
84	Hamiota	11	5	16	7	57	25	10	54.50	134.64	510.15	......	510.15	200.00	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota	12	0	12	25	33	18	5	29.50	134.00	140.45	......	4,121.45	2,800.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
27	Glenwood	10	1	11	81	86	35	17	118.00	444.50	1,032.75	320.00	13,569.55	12,000.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	6	1	7	12	76	26	7	70.00	......	635.86	85.90	1,649.96	300.00	Active	1	Rent
52	Hartney	12	..	12	45	55	35	5	49.00	21.00	831.00	......	2,031.00	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	12	..	12	14	44	20	3	24.00	333.00	693.50	240.75	2217.75	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka	10	..	10	29	42	21	10	50.00	......	121.26	......	821.26	100.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	9	..	9	14	57	22	11	65.00	69.00	333.50	......	693.50	......	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	3	15	22	139	59	28	256.00	714.83	139.49	265.00	13,874.49	11,500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	12		12	27	28	15	8	48.00	84.50	39.47	1,181.54	......	2,300.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon	10	16	26			35	..	......	216.30	2,431.57	......	9,919.26	300.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon	10	..	10	63	40	19	13	120.00	419.40	465.86	60.00	2,105.86	300.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake	10	3	13	14	18	11	5	72.00	80.96	215.95	52.60	2,913.35	1,900.00	Active	1	Own
64	Composite	10	1	11	18	37	20	3	66.00	45.00	236.06	2.00	734.06	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
74	Elkhorn	12	2	14	18	34	14	4	30.00	......	594.53	2,750.00	191.18	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne	10	..	10	11	35	13	25	287.00	161.82	124.18	......	624.18	594.00	Active	1	Rent
113	Tweed	10	13	23	89	188	38	37	306.00	537.50	1,609.62	709.77	8,899.85	......	Active	1	Rent
U.D.	Fenwick	3	..	3	..	63	24	..	......	137.00	543.77	45.00	498.77	......	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

6	Emerson	12	4	16	29	42	22	16	158.00	93.00	307.05		6,949.22	3,700.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon ..	10	3	13	36	35	25	10	104.00	153.00	395.74		3,445.74	2,700.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star	7	1	8	28	8	7	7	100.00	50.00	490.00		1,390.00	900.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh	10	1	11	23	61	30	10	73.00	194.24	112.65	202.85	5,190.30	250.00	Active	2	Rent
90	Midlothian	11	1	12	34	47	30	6	35.00	71.00	476.10	500.00	1,230.93	150.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	10	3	13	11	29	18	1	5.00	120.00	99.65		2,099.65	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia	9	1	10	13	34	25	1	6.00	10.00	412.50	10.00	1,152.50	300.00	Active	1	Rent
132	Sprague	9	4	13	14	17	9	12	98.00	10.00	295.69		895.69	500.00	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman	10	2	12	14	60	30	8	90.00	55.60	358.87		1,158.87	500.00	Active	2	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets o'er Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion	12	2	14	72	111	39	16	454.00	......	337.60	......	5,816.24	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
94	Hiram	12	4	16	27	58	25	7	59.00	134.00	540.92	75.00	4,315.92	2.500.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns ..	12	4	16	..	..	13	..	......	119.00	253.58	36.00	867.58	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur ..	12	15	27	47	50	22	1	50.00	210.00	851.30	192.50	1,658.80	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin	11	4	15	14	48	23	..	......	......	391.73	......	3,105.08	1,200.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel	12	1	13	11	40	19	3	70.00	......	388.61	......	888.61	500.00	Active	1	Rent
128	Victory	10	7	17	15	37	20	1	24.00	......	432.68	16.00	1,166.68	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	11	2	13	17	37	15	3	104.00	30.00	194.06	43.50	650.56	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets o'er Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
2	Lisgar	10	5	15	41	11		39	144.00	50.00	1,231.01	......	5,231..01	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall	12	3	15	26	90		2	16.00	387.25	1,115.21	800.00	3,815.21	3,500.00	Active	1	Own
112	Ophir	10	3	13	10	50		8	50.00	25.00	85.55	......	4,985.55	300.00	Active	1	Own
123	Transcona	10	6	16	26	142		8	96.00	370.48	3,679.57	......	3,679.57	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan	9	8	17	19	105		16	160.00	647.75	3,213.86	111.00	4,104.86	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
134	Stony Mountain .	11	10	21	17	51		3	16.50	191.72	647.20	196.00	1,852.20	1,400.00	Active	2	Own
148	Seven Oaks	9	4	13	16	87		15	106.00	94.15	6,180.08	317.93	7,173.50	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
151	The Dormer ...	9	8	17	4	81		3	30.00	202.00	3,438.56	118.00	3,458.72	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls	10	4	14	15	38		1	6.00	......	2,219.35	151.75	2,562.96	400.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa ...	9	8	17	14	57		5	52.50	332.00	1,715.73	103.25	1,613,48	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	10	19	40	207	75	31	303.00	73.00	415.71	198.00	5,350.71	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	7	16	34	183	75	23	385.00	225.00	305.59	......	3,590.59	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk ...	9	..	9	23	86	45	9	134.00	125.12	1,215.15	......	3,905.15	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor	9	8	17	20	135	75	19	155.00	40.00	375.25	......	23,902.00	20,500.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	11	20	61	209	54	31	310.00	100.00	2,163.06	125.00	5,140.06	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	6	15	44	270	90	37	335.00	426.48	1,202.98	516.00	12,341.99	500.00	Active	1	Rent
141	Tuscan	10	1	11	18	72	25	25	301.00	219.55	900.42	......	2,111.42	350.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai ...	9	4	13	40	233	60	15	164.00	132.00	2,623.92	830.18	10,108.74	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne ..	9	6	15	31	132	40	29	215.25	54.85	1,080.26	125.00	4,349.51	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek .	9	7	16	25	105	40	14	128.00	243.70	449.23	12.00	3,447.00	800.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	7	16	20	175	58	17	170.00	191.01	3,631.34	349.52	6,471.57	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER 31st DECEMBER, 1947

124	The Pas	10	2	12	48	65	30	12	172.50	76.00	328.43	1,228.12	12,502.25	8,400.00	Active	1	Own
153	Flin Flon	10	12	22	52	64	30	8	90.00	177.00	425.11	585.29	9,951.62	9,000.00	Active	1	Own
U.D.	Rice Lake	3	..	3	..	17	15	..	......	......	406.70	522.75	288.23	500.00	Active	2	Rent

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Montgomery
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary
Alpina	F. Muller-Ruegg	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	W. R. Simpson	Vancouver 692 Seymour Ave.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario)	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili	Rene Court	Santiago
Colombia	Enrique de Paramo	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver, 319 Masonic Temple
Connecticut	Earle K. Haling	Hartford
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba	Dr. Constantino Pais	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen, 23 Blegsdamvej.
District of Columbia	Aubrey H. Clayton	Washington, D. C.
Equador	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza	Guayaquil
England	Sydney A. White	London
Egypt	Mohammed Bey Riffatt	Cairo, Box 148
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville (2)
France, G. L.		
France, N. G. L.		
Guatemala	Pedro Donis O.	Guatamala City
Georgia	Daniel W. Lochlin	Macon, 801 Mulberry St.
Honduras, C. A.	Constantino S. Ramos	Honduras, C. A.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	William H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	Earl B. Dalzell	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	New Orleans
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Boston, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, York G. L.	Fred T. Berger	Mexico City, D.F. Apt. 1896
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian, Box 1030
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	Kansas City
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Omaha, 401 Masonic Temple
Netherlands	Dr. A. A. Galestin	Holland—'s Gravenhage
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City, 500 Mountain St.
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430.
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord, 44 S. Main St.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Geo. R. Irving	New York (10)
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Christchurch, C. I. P.O. Box 1293
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Northern China, D.G.L.		
Norway		
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Portland
Panama	Jose Oller	Panama, Apartado 84
Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Paraiba, Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands		
Puerto Rico	Rodolfo Ramirez Pabon	San Juan
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	Dionysio Coutinho	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Santa Domingo	Jose Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Sao Paulo	Joffre Prestes	Sao Paulo, Brazil, P.O. Box 261
Scotland	Alex. Buchan	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Africa	F. L. Knight	Cape Town
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas	George H. Belew	Waco
Utah	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Victoria	William Stewart	Melbourne, 25 Collins St
Vienna		
Virginia	James F. Clift	Richmond
Washington	John L. Preisener	Tacoma
West Virginia	I. Wade Coffman	Charleston, P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	A. E. Jensen	Perth, Box d-117, G.P.O.
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina (Switzerland)	Wm. Planta	Berne	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chili	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Eric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Tomas E. Sierra	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 4, 1946
District of Columbia	Needham C. Turnage	Washington	July 20, 1908
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
Egypt	Alfred Seffer	Cairo	Dec. 8, 1925
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	April 2, 1940
France, G. L.	Louis Doignan	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Irving Stahl	Guatemala	Oct. 31, 1945
Georgia	John W. Evans	Athens	Oct. 12, 1947
Honduras	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	Harry J. Beers	New Albany	Feb. 5, 1945
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G. L.	R. B. E. Turnbull	Mexico City	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Lloyd Peabody	St. Paul	Nov. 29, 1931
Mississipi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	W. J. Johnston	Thompson Falls	July 8, 1937
Nebraska	Ernest C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	Dr. M. ten Cate	Bolsward	April 16, 1948
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire	Donald W .Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	John G. Benton	Jal	Dec. 4, 1945
New South Wales	Sidney A .Taplin	Drummayne	Aug. 5, 1947
New York	Carl A. Mehne	Valhalla	Mar. 20, 1948
New Zealand	Robt. W. Carpenter	Hawk's Bay	Mar. 4, 1948
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July 1935
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan. 5, 1939
Norway	Sigurd Halvorsen	Oslo	July 29, 1948
Nova Scotia	Rev. G. R. Thompson	Truro	May 18, 1943

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Ohio	Forest R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	J. Gard Duncan	Wapanucka	Dec. 31, 1946
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Raymond L. Toledano	Panama	Dec. 1, 1926
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	Leon G.Reyes	Caguas	May 4, 1945
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May 8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island	Jas. B. Littlefield	Providence	Sept. 18, 1943
Rio de Janeiro	L. Bert Love	Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 11, 1944
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jan. 5, 1939
Saskatchewan	F. C. Hayes	Swift Current	July 23, 1945
Scotland	Rev. Hugh F. Reid	Chirnside	Jan. 8, 1930
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug. 1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April 24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar. 1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	John W. Buck	Park City	Oct. 4, 1945
Vermont	A. Horace Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	R. A. Hutchinson	Manassas	Mar. 27, 1942
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellenburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia	Thos. H. Bath	Perth	Dec. 13, 1946
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	B. Warkentin	Beausejour	Mar. 24, 1948
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 22, 1930
Arizona	Oliver L. Best	Winnipeg	Mar. 29, 1944
Arkansas	Fred. H. Blythe	Winnipeg	Sept. 5, 1947
British Columbia	J. C. Grant	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1945
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrense	Winnipeg	Sep. 13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May 13, 1929
Colombia			
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May 21, 1935
Costa Rica			
Cuba, Island of	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May 27, 1940
Delaware	H. A. Adair	Treherne	Jan. 23, 1946
Denmark	Stanley H. Fahrni	Portage la Prairie	Oct. 17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. H. Steventon	Winnipeg	May 18, 1932
Ecuador	S. W. Robertson	Winnipeg	Apr. 26, 1946
Egypt	Ed. T. Hardman	Newdale	June 2, 1934
England	Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June 12, 1935
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	Apr. 30, 1945
France, N. G. L.	Chas. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
France, G. L.			
Guatemala			
Georgia	W. A. Prugh	Brandon	June 5, 1947
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	D. A. Best	Sturgeon Creek	Apr. 21, 1945
Illinois	Wm. R. Leslie	Morden	June 21 1931
Indiana	Robt. E. Emmett	St. James	Apr. 3, 1944
Ireland	John T. Boyd	Winnipeg	Oct. 3, 1935
Kansas			
Kentucky	Wm. McLellan	Winnipeg	Oct. 10, 1945
Louisiana	Chas. E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Winnipeg	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	David Ferguson	Moosehorn	Nov. 5, 1945
Massachusetts	Hugh A. Innes	Winnipeg	May 1, 1945
Mexico York G. L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	Dr. O. S. Ross	Virden	Mar. 1, 1941
Minnesota	Ben. C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan. 13, 1938
Mississipi	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg	Feb. 9, 1945
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Winnipeg	Jan. 31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	Hugh Mackenzie	Winnipeg	Nov. 15, 1935
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July 9, 1921
Nevada	Harry Coddington	Winnipeg	June 4, 1947
New Brunswick	Geo. R. Calvert	Winnipeg	Apr. 27, 1938
New Hampshire	George Hunter	Winnipeg	Dec. 6, 1926
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbet	Stonewall	May 27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June 10, 1921
New York	Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robt. Peel	Miniota	Sep. 4, 1941
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	McKenzie Island	Jan. 18, 1937
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	MacGregor	Oct. 24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	A. E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
Oklahoma	Harry M. Smith	Melita	Feb. 24, 1941

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Oregon	J. James Henderson	St. James	June 20, 1924
Paraiba	Alex. Campbell	Winnipeg	1946
Philippine Islands	John Livesey	Swan River	1947
Panama			
Puerto Rico	Geo. V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	F. B. Lynes	Crystal City	June 3, 1948
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland			
Rhode Island	J. R. C. Evans	Brandon	Oct. 18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro	W. C. McDonald	Roland	1947
Santa Domingo	Wm. G. Shaw	Elgin	May 30, 1932
Saskatchewan			
Scotland	Wm. Douglas	Winnipeg	1936
South Australia	Daniel Hawe	Benito	Jan. 14, 1931
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940
South Dakota	Jas. Wardrope	Winnipeg	Apr. 10, 1945
Tasmania	Thos. Dodsworth	Winnipeg	July 21, 1945
Tennessee	Jas. S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Forrest	Feb. 14, 1941
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May 13, 1932
Victoria	Raymond M. Snider	Stonewall	June 20, 1945
Vienna			
Virginia			
Washington	Geo. R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May 20, 1929
West Virginia	David Griffith	St. Vital	Nov. 27, 1944
Western Australia	Jas. B. McClure	St. Vital	
Wisconsin	Norman M. Hall	Winnipeg	May 7, 1945

MASONIC REVIEWS
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

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GENERAL

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1947

Freemasonry is a science it is not a theory. It is a progressive science which teaches man the art of right living. It is a scientific thing to live rightly, to understand the immutable laws by which human life in all its activities is governed—to play the game according to established rules. Men talk rather flippantly about individual freedom and personal liberty. The only liberty we have is the liberty of obedience to the rules—the freedom of submission to the law. This is one of the paradoxes of human experience. "The man who obeys the most laws is the man who lives the freest life."

Life, as we face it in actual fact, is a complex proposition. Good fortune and ill fortune befalls us with bewildering variety. Most people in the long run get their share of both. Happiness, peace and contentment, the things we strive for do not depend primarily on the preponderance of fortunate or unfortunate circumstances, although no sensible man would belittle that. Primarily these blessings depend on a man's insight, in his capacity to find in any situation elements which make it worthwhile, and issues in ultimate good. If any man insists in discovering something in this world to be unhappy over, there is nothing in the world to prevent his finding it. If you want to go through life with a chip on your shoulder and a grudge in your heart, any man will discover lots of opportunities to encourage him. On the other hand, if a man has a positive purpose, and an appreciative attitude, he will discover abundance of things to be happy over and to be thankful for. It is a great day in any man's life when he discovers that no situation is without its redeeming elements, no task without its interesting opportunities, and that no circumstance, be it good or ill, is without its challenge to achieve and acquire better things. It is our duty as Freemasons to show men the way, the certain way of peace, co-operation and confident hope.

There has been a broadening conception of the purpose of our order in this disturbed world. A deeper sense of responsibility extending beyond the confines of the Lodge room and an unselfish desire to render service to the community. This wider vision I have endeavoured to encourage.

Freemasonry does not stand before us today as a great untried theory—it comes to us with the sanction of undeniable demonstrations. It is not academic, or speculative—it is practical. It comes to help us along the common road of life, to enlarge our sympathies, strengthen our faith and broaden our vision. The fundamental principles of Freemasonry should be the fundamental principles of our lives in all our human relationships. Every amelioration of human conditions is interpreting a fragment of our Masonic creed.

Brethren, let us go on in the discharge of every duty, not with "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal," but quietly and steadfastly, the evidence of our faith being demonstrated in our works. If we pursue this course and thereby practise the principles of our order, we need have no fear for the future of Freemasonry. So long as there is a sorrow to be assuaged, a human need to be supplied, a widow and an orphan to be cared for, a deed of mercy to be performed, and so long as Freemasons are true to their trust, so long shall the Masonic Order stand. Fear not, only let us be true to our covenants and our children's children will live to bless and venerate so noble an institution as ours, until time shall be no more.

Canada (in Ontario). Grand Master. 1947

We meet this year in the midst of a world haunted by many shadows. On the international scene, the old spectres of mistrust and suspicion stalk again, and nations once united in the endeavour of war drift steadily further apart in ideological alignments that bode ill for the future. Economically there is continuous unrest under the tensions of class struggle, uncertain markets, and rising prices. Socially and politically, there is unceasing ferment under the pressure of bizarre programmes and strange doctrines. The British Commonwealth of Nations is undergoing such changes as may radically affect its position in world affairs; the hammer and sickle presses relentlessly westward over the plains of Europe; the United Nations Organization struggles futilely under the handicaps of its own constitution; and the menace of the atomic bomb hangs like some sword of Damocles over the whole of humanity's living. These are strange days, laden with destiny at every turn, days in which men of understanding walk with hushed tread, not knowing with any certainty what any tomorrow may unfold.

To live in such a world presents Masons with the simplest but most profound of all possible challenges,—the challenge to be masons, to carry into every situation and every relationship the ideals and the spirit for which the Order stands. We must be men of courage. Robert Browning once spoke of himself as—

"One who ever marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break;
Never dreamed, though right were worsted
Wrong would triumph.
Held, we fall to rise; are baffled to fight better,
Sleep, to wake."

And it is to men who face life, however difficult, in that spirit that the present and the future unfold their true treasures. The world needs men who will cry hope in the face of its despairs, not men who will cry havoc under the weight of its fears. And it is for us to be such men, believers in the ultimate coming of the dawn, however dark the present night.

Likewise, we must be men of broad and generous sympathies. If ever the world had no place for the narrow and intolerant, it is today when, whether we like it or not, all of us are bound together in a fellowship of common peril and common hope. This is now ''Our World'' in which security and happiness are open to any only when they are open to all. And the hope of the world lies in men who, overlooking the ancient barriers of race and class and creed, will work together for the winning of the larger good. It is for us to be such men.

And above all, we must be men of faith,—faith in life, faith in the future, faith in God. Over our every altar hangs the symbol of a Great Architect, of whose will and power all things have come to be and whose purposes endure through all confusions and despairs. Forever He has been at work in history, moulding men and nations to His will; and as men of faith we know that He has not now deserted His world. Therefore, amid all perplexities let us cleave to Him, seek His good, and make our lives the channels by which His will may come more largely to fulfilment in our troubled world. "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40: 28-31).

We all miss two familiar faces today, the oldest and the youngest in point of years of our Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Bro. Herrington and Most Worshipful Bro. Wardley. Both are absent by reason of physical disability although with us in spirit. Our sympathy goes out to them with the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe in His wisdom may soon restore them to normal health.

I have now reached the end of my term of service as your Grand Master. In a few short hours I shall hand to my successor the emblem of office which was placed in my hands two years ago. These two years have been full of interest and pleasure and of experience and instruction. One real source of satisfaction from the wider and more intimate associations is an even higher regard for Masons, the work they are doing, and the results they are accomplishing.

We have seen before our eyes in the last quarter century the most memorable piling up of woes and difficulties in modern times; never within the memory of anyone living has mankind been beset with so many tragic problems; and behind and underlying every one of them, if we dig deep enough, is some collapse in the realm of character—some lack in human hearts of those qualities and attitudes out of which alone happiness and wellbeing are possible to men. It is a situation which challenges all right-thinking people and certainly, in a unique and a direct manner, it challenges Masonry.

All of us here, I take it, are believers in Democracy—for gratefully we recognize that it has given us many precious possessions that we would not willingly be without; and yet are there not some reasons for being a little uneasy about Democracy today, for quite evidently it is not functioning as efficiently as we believe it can?

The democratic principle has not been applied to every department of life; somebody shrewdly remarked not long ago that Democracy is not merely a system of government, it is a way of living together; but we have, in the main, experimented with it in only the one field, that of government and, for all our shouting over it, have lacked the courage and the faith, and perhaps the unselfishness, to apply it to the other realms of life in which it would do unheard of things for human happiness.

Whatever failure there is in Democracy today is due to just one factor—it requires a higher type of citizen than, in the large, it has yet received through whom to function—men of higher intelligence, stronger courage, finer character—give it that and it will save the world.

The vital question for the world of today and tomorrow is just this—what are we doing to produce the man whose character and intelligence will be such as to give some assurance for the future?

The problems of the world will never be solved by a generation of ignorant and untutored people whose ignorance makes them a prey to that unholy trinity of prejudice, arrogance, and bigotry which today curses the world. Only in men of that broad and tolerant spirit who grasp an understanding of life and its basic issues is there any hope.

What can avail to save the world today and transform its barbarism into decency and honour? It is a long, hard business inducing the practice of that great doctrine—the Brotherhood of Man based upon the Fatherhood of God, and at times our progress seems distressingly slow, but surely by this time we have learned that there is no other way to make it over into the world of our dreams.

And there is no other way, however long and hard this one may seem. It is only as men go forth to live with quickened ideals, with broad humanitarianism, with generous sympathies, with stern and unbending loyalty to right, with goodwill and if need be with sacrifice, in their hearts that the world will ever be straightened out. Surely, if anything can avail to send us out to take our Masonry more seriously, it is the fresh perception of that fact.

> "Were half the power that fills the world with terror
> Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and Courts,
> Given to redeem the human mind from error,
> There were no need of arsenals and forts."

COLORADO. Grand Master. 1947

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

Owing to the growth of our Masonic population and the great distances the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer are required to travel in making visitations and inspections, it is becoming increasingly obvious that insufficient time is being given to instruction in the ritual, forms and ceremonies of the Craft; I, therefore, make the following recommendation —that the incoming Grand Master with the aid of the Custodians of the Work devise a system of Deputy Grand Lecturers, subordinate to and under supervision of the Grand Lecturer; the Grand Lecturer to designate the districts and appoint the necessary deputies to preside over those districts; all subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes. 1947

MASONIC COLLARS AT GRAND LODGE

Many qualified Brethren desiring to attend Grand Lodge are presenting themselves to the Scrutineers without the appropriate Collar of the rank by right of which they are entitled to attend. The Board draws attention to Rule 239 of the Book of Constitutions which enacts that "no Brother shall be admitted into any meeting of the Grand Lodge, or of any subordinate Lodge without the clothing appropriate to his rank under the Grand Lodge." Rules 254 to 268 inclusive set out the details of the various Chains and Collars, and the Board expresses the hope that Masters and Secretaries of Lodges will draw the attention of their members to this point —for Brethren will not be admitted to Grand Lodge unless properly clothed.

SIGNATURES IN ATTENDANCE BOOKS AT GRAND LODGE

Numerous Brethren persist in adding after their names in the Grand Lodge Attendance Book the initials of their London, Provincial or District Grand Rank. The Board would emphasise that, apart from Grand Officers, in accordance with Rule 5 of the Book of Constitutions, Brethren are eligible to attend Grand Lodge by virtue of being Masters, present Wardens, or Past Masters of a private Lodge under the Grand Lodge, and must place after their signatures the initials of the rank qualifying them to be present, i.e., "W.M.," "S.W.," "J.W.," or "P.M."

PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE

On many occasions the Board in its report to Grand Lodge has drawn attention to the necessity for members of Lodges to be informed of matters in the proceedings of Grand Lodge of which every member of the Craft should be made aware. It is obvious from information which is received that the duty is not being performed in spite of the fact that the matter came before Grand Lodge as recently as June, 1943. The Board is aware that, in some parts of the jurisdiction, the suggestion that an item should appear on the appropriate Lodge agenda after each Quarterly Communication is still maintained; this should be a regular practice in every case.

Masters and Secretaries of Lodges should realise their responsibilities in seeing that their members are properly informed of the business of Grand Lodge, and, in the hope that some guidance in this respect may be of assistance in establishing a general practice, it proposes to specify particulars of the items in the proceedings, which should serve as the minimum that should be communicated to their Lodges.

ENGLAND. An Especial Grand Lodge. 1948

A large number of Past Grand Officers, qualified Past Grand Stewards, and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of many private Lodges.

At 4 o'clock the following Procession entered the Hall:

The Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
The Grand Tyler.
Ten Grand Stewards.
The Assistant Grand Pursuivants.
The Grand Pursuivant.
The Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.
The Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.
The Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.
Ten Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
The Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.
The Grand Superintendent of Works.

The Assistant Grand Registrars.
The Assistant Grand Chaplains.
The President of the Board of Benevolence.
The President of the Board of General Purposes.
The Deputy Grand Registrar.
The Grand Treasurer.
A Grand Chaplain.
Past Provincial and District Grand Masters.
Provincial and District Grand Masters.
Two Junior Grand Deacons.
The Junior Grand Warden.
Two Senior Grand Deacons.
The Senior Grand Warden.
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER.
The Grand Sword Bearer.
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
A Grand Standard Bearer.
The Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Two Junior Grand Deacons.
Three Grand Stewards.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer. The R.W. Deputy Grand Master was saluted according to ancient form.

The R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER (RT. HON. THE EARL OF SCARBROUGH, *K.G.*) : Brethren I thank you for your salutation and I greet you well.

The R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER: Brethren, we are honoured today by Deputations from the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and from Grand Lodges Overseas, and I shall now be glad if they are admitted, and I will welcome then on your behalf.

The GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES (V.W. Bro. PHILIP C. BULL, *D.S.O.*, *T.D.*) : R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Most Worship Brother His Most Gracious Majesty the King, Past Grand Master, has arrived, and desires to be admitted.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master: Let His Most Gracious Majesty be received.

The following Procession escorted M.W. Brother His Majesty the King into Grand Lodge:

The Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Four Grand Stewards.
Two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Two Junior Grand Deacons.
Six Provincial and District Grand Masters.
The Grand Secretary.
Four Senior Grand Deacons.
Most Worshipful Brother
His Most Gracious Majesty the King
Equerry.
The Grand Director of Ceremonies
Two Grand Stewards.

When M.W. Bro. His Majesty the King entered Grand Lodge, the Brethren stood and the National Anthem was played. His Majesty was conducted to a seat on the right of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master: Your Majesty, Most Worshipful Brother, all the Brethren assembled here, and I do not doubt many more thousands of Brethren of the English Constitution throughout the world whose thoughts will be with us today, are conscious of the great honour done to them and to the Craft by Your Majesty's presence with us on this occasion. We welcome you, Sir, Most Worshipful Brother, with intense loyalty, and with respectful but brotherly affection. We hope, Sir, that our Sovereign will now preside over this Grand Lodge for the purpose of installing our Grand Master, in which hope I offer to Your Majesty the Gavel of Grand Lodge. (Loud applause.)

Most Worshipful Brother His Majesty the King accepted the Gavel from the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and took his place on the Throne, amid prolonged applause.

The Brethren saluted Most Worshipful Brother His Majesty the King according to antient form.

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER HIS MAJESTY THE KING: Brethren, I thank you for your fraternal salutation, and I greet you all.

INSTALLATION OF
HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G.
GRAND MASTER

The GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES: May it please Your Majesty and Most Worshipful Brother, the Most Worshipful The Grand Master has arrived, and desires to present himself to receive the benefit of Installation at your hands.

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER HIS MAJESTY THE KING: Let a Deputation be formed to escort the Most Worshipful The Grand Master into Grand Lodge.

The following Procession was formed to escort the Most Worshipful The Grand Master into Grand Lodge:

The Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Four Grand Stewards.
Two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Two Junior Grand Deacons.
The President of the Board of Benevolence.
The Grand Secretary.
The President of the Board of General Purposes.
The Deputy Grand Registrar.
The Grand Treasurer.
Four Past Grand Wardens
Six Provincial and District Grand Masters.
Four Senior Grand Deacons.
HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G.
GRAND MASTER
A Grand Standard Bearer.
The Chain and Jewel of the Grand Master
on a Cushion borne by a Brother.
The Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Two Grand Stewards.

M.W. Brother His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Grand Master, then entered, and took his place in the centre of the Lodge.

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER HIS MAJESTY THE KING: Brethren, less than five years ago Grand Lodge was called together for the purpose of installing the Grand Master. At that time the Craft mourned the untimely death of my brother, the Duke of Kent, who was installed by me in 1939. When the Earl of Harewood succeeded him in 1942, we again hoped, for him, for a long period of Grand Mastership. The death of Lord Harewood came as a shock to us all. He had carried out the exacting duties of the office, I fear, with entire disregard for his own health. By his insight and understanding he had endeared himself to every Freemason under our Constitution. It has been a privilege to have him at our head, though his Grand Mastership lasted for so short a time.

You, Most Worshipful Grand Master, have been elected by the unanimous vote of Grand Lodge to fill his place. The reception you have received from this representative gathering of the Brethren over whom you preside must not only be a great encouragement to you on entering upon the duties of your high office, but an indication of the whole-hearted support you may expect to receive from the Craft.

As Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, I am pleased to be present this afternoon to install you; but before I proceed to do so, I will call on the Grand Chaplain to invoke a Blessing from the Great Architect of the Universe on all your undertakings.

The Grand Chaplain offered up prayer.

Most Worshipful Brother His Majesty the King then administered the Obligation to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, and afterwards invested and installed the M.W. The Grand Master, saying, "I now install you as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. May you for many years occupy that exalted position with credit to yourself and advantage to our Order.'' (Prolonged applause.)

Most Worshipful Brother His Majesty the King was conducted to his seat on the right of the Throne.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed His Grace the Duke of Devonshire as Grand Master in the following words:

> Be it known that the Most Noble Edward William Spencer Cavendish, Duke of Devonshire, Marquess of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire and Baron Cavendish in the Peerage of England; Earl of Burlington and Baron Cavendish of Keighley in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; of Chatsworth in the county of Derby; Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration; a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. In the Commission for the Peace and His Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Derby; Honorary Colonel of the 40th Battalion of the Foresters Regiment of His Majesty's Army; formerly a Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel of the Derbyshire Yeomanry of His Majesty's Territorial Army; High Steward of the University of Cambridge; Honorary Doctor of Laws of the University of Cambridge; Chancellor of the University of Leeds. R.W. Provincial Grand Master for the Masonic Province of Derbyshire, etc., etc., etc., etc., has been elected as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England for the ensuing year, whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve.

The M.W. The Grand Master was saluted according to antient form.

The M.W. The Grand Master: Brethren, I thank you for your fraternal salutation, and I greet you well.

Attendance at Especial Grand Lodge
23rd March, 1948.

Grand Officers (including Present Grand Stewards)	1,255
Deputations and Visitors	22
Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters	6,227
Total	7,504

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1947

During the hectic days of the war, our people subordinaated their personal interests to the good of all.

Since V-J Day, that spirit of co-operation and of united efforts has disappeared. Groups have arrayed themselves against other groups and industrial and economic strife fills the air. A strange fire burns in the hearts of men.

For how long will the peace of the world be disturbed? Just so long as it takes men, civilized men, to come to a realization that only in harmonious action and co-operation, only in the spirit of regard and consideration for others, can we accomplish anything that resembles peace and harmony.

And what are the factors that will help to bring about that realization? Just such organizations as this in which we meet today. Nowhere in the country is the spirit of good fellowship and whole hearted co-operation more in evidence than in the Masonic Fraternity. And in such meetings as this will be found true brotherhood and rich fellowship. Masonry has in all ages impressed upon its members the importance of living together in peace and harmony.

After all, America is no more than the sum total of all its people. Before we are Masons, we are citizens of this great Republic. Because of the positions which Masons occupy in their communities, they have power to influence not only the members in their respective lodges but all with whom they come in contact, day by day. Will that influence be for good? Only you can answer that.

We understand, too, that the whole of life is far more than the sum of its external parts; there are some goods that we cannot buy.

"'Tis the human touch in the world that counts,
The touch of your hand in mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter or bread or wine.
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And the bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand, the sound of the voice
Sings in the soul always."

When we get right down to rockbottom in our thinking, we become conscious that the desperate need of our times is a real sense of the worth and dignity of people. Too long have we prized material things. How fine it would be to live to see the day when the dollar is considered a medium of exchange rather than the measure of a man. Freemasonry teaches that we consider no man for his earthly wealth or honor and that it is the internal and not the external qualifications that make one worthy to be taken by the right hand of fellowship and greeted as a member of our great fraternity.

At such a time as this, how important it is for all of us to remember that the things of the spirit are more enduring than the things of time and sense. We ought to plant and water the garden of friendships.

In one of his poems, Wordsworth writes about the ''little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love'' which are the ''best portion of a good man's life.'' Every day we all face difficulties which seem to mount with the passing months and years. It is therefore vital that we develop those human relationships which bring color and vitality and meaning and significance into our hard-pressed lives. The outcome of those relationships are not chronicled on history's page, but they are the aspect of our lives from which we draw the deepest satisfactions and the most enduring values.

When all else is shaken loose, we do well to hold fast to the unshakeable simplicities of our common life as exemplified and taught in the lessons of Freemasonry.

We ought to plan our lives as though we were to live forever; and so live each day as though it were our last.

IRELAND. Grand Master. 1947

I notice too, with very great pleasure, quite a number of Masonic Church Services, and there is one in particular, the service paper of which I have in my pocket. Those brethren of the Grand Lodge 15 or 16 years ago will remember that there was a good deal of trouble in South Africa, when the Dutch Reformed Church started attacking Freemasonry, and appointed a commission to inquire into Freemasonry. Their claim was that it was anti-Christian. There was a recrudesence of it last year, when some over-enthusiastic members of the United Reformed Church moved a motion that no Freemason might be an officer of their church. Well, the answer is in my pocket.

As you know, in South Africa we have four Constitutions working side by side in perfect amity, and they have in the Cathedral in Cape Town an annual service which is attended by the Provincial Grand Masters. I have the service paper with me, which is a very good answer to the attack of the Dutch Reformed Church when they accuse us of being an irreligious body.

There is another thing to be said: I have lately been in very close communication with the Grand Master of Holland, a splendid fellow who is proud of his connection with the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and when I asked him why the Reformed Church of South Africa attacked us Freemasons in this way, he said, that we must not hold the Freemasons in Holland responsible, and that one of the churches in communication with the Dutch Reformed Church had broken away from it, and perhaps for that reason they had taken the bit between their teeth, and I hope they will learn a little more wisdom as time goes on.

KANSAS. Grand Master. 1948

There have been occasions when I have reason to think that there are Masons who have the idea that their Lodge is self-sufficient and can be independent of the Grand Lodge—I would like to remind such men, if any are here, that their lodge, self-sufficient though it may seem to be, has its existence only by virtue of a Charter from this Grand Lodge; that the members of their lodge are accepted as regular only because their lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; that this Grand Lodge can grant privileges to or impose burdens upon their lodge and them. For these reasons, if for no others, this Communication and the business transacted here should have the attention and the participation of every member of the Grand Lodge who is present. If it seems to you that the meeting is "cut and dried," it will only be because you are willing to have it so.

In addition to the foregoing, all of us should ever remember that the strength of Masonry comes, not from a few or many lodges with large membership and ample finances, but rather from the unity of the whole.

It is some 2,000 years since King David sang of "how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," but the world has not yet learned the lesson, and today we have more factions, blocs, parties and organizations, each struggling by force, craft or violence for the supposed advantage of its members or proponents, with total disregard for the welfare of mankind as a whole, than the world has ever seen before. In the international picture, we have a power that. instead of working for unity, follows the slogan and practice of "Divide and Conquer."

What greater practical contribution can Kansas Masons make to a strife-torn world than to carry out into the world the message and the practice of unity and harmony? Collectively and individually, as Masons and as men, we prosper or suffer, we stand or fall, by the welfare or the detriment of mankind as a whole.

Let us, therefore, each in his own sphere, carry this doctrine far and wide and, which is more important, let us, each in his own sphere, put into actual practice, this earliest, simplest and among the important of the teachings of this, our great Brotherhood.

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1946

Freemasonry in Kentucky has, during the preceding twelve months, experienced its greatest numerical growth in a quarter of a century—6,262 being our net gain. The growth of our moral strength can only be recorded by history; but it is our hope that the quiet and moral force has turned the minds of men toward the pursuits of peace and stimulated them to the most exalted desires and aspirations; that the results of the noble precepts will be discernable in the practical working of our government.

It is our prayer that each Free and Accepted craftsman will strengthen Masonry against the shock of time; the persecution of its opponents; the fiery vengeance of disappointed ambition; the hatred of despotism and bigotry; and the anathema of ecclesiasticism. If so, it shall stand firm and unshaken, an impregnable fortress against the assaults of malice and envy, amid the throes and turmoil of world-wide contending factions which are surrounded by howling tempests of fear, superstition, ruin, and decaying philosophies. As long as the world suffers and people are oppressed, so long as the philanthropist is vitally needed, so long as governments are imperfect, so long as science is inexhaustable so long as man seeks God, so long as there is a wailing, agonizing humanity, the world will have need of Freemasonry.

Therefore, my brethren, let us unite in an effort to exhibit to the world the strength of honest conviction; let us defend and protect that which physical powers and heroic fortitude has preserved as fundamental principles; let harmony, purity, and zeal combine to elevate the standard of

Masonry upon a basis as firm and imperishable as those eternal priciples which have ever constituted its glory and reputation.

KANSAS. Grand Master. 1947

Masonry makes no pretense that its votaries shall be members or supporters of any political party, that they shall belong to any certain church or believe in any prescribed theological creed, that they shall or shall not belong to clubs, blocs or unions. If Masonry stresses any one thing more than another, it is the right of every man to think for himself. It teaches him by precept and example the rudiments of a pure and upright life, the requirements of good citizenship and the necessity and benefit of a definite belief in God, a proper regard for the welfare of his neighbor, and the avoidance of that which destroys self esteem.

It is apparent to all discerning minds that some method of resolving the differences of opinion which prevail between management and labor, between employer and employee must be evolved, if our social and political economy is to survive. In the days gone by, leaders have arisen when emergency and necessity required, and we recall with pride the numbers of those leaders whose names were on our rosters and feel that, perhaps, the background for their successful efforts may have emanated from their Masonic experience. When social and political leaders assume ruthless attitudes and by domineering methods seek to gain their aims and ambitions, there must be those who, by training, are able to see some "neutral zone, some middle ground, where all can dwell in equity and where peace and harmony will prevail." When clear thinking men who find themselves on different sides of these local or national issues, are willing to assert themselves and choose leaders who decide issues by the Golden Rule instead of the iron rule, the terror and suffering of strikes will disappear. The world is crying for such; they are needed and needed badly.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1947

MASTERS OF LODGES

It has come to my attention in the past year that Masters and Officers of lodges come to meetings with no idea of what is on the calendar, or what work is to be done. Nor do the Masters have any work on the trestle board planned in advance that they usually open the lodge and then ask the secretary as follows: "Brother Secretary what do you have on the desk tonight for our attention." The secretary reads the minutes and the bills and if there is no degree work, the lodge is closed and all go home. Many then proclaim, particularly newly raised brothers who are raring to go and have nothing to do, sooner or later say, "they would rather stay home."

If the above condition continues this Grand Lodge will not be necessary. A lodge should check the qualification of a brother before he is elected to the East.

Masters must in the future take more personal interest in the members of their lodge. Social interest if necessary. They must get acquainted with every brother and let them know that the lodge is interested in them and their future welfare. Membership in the Masonic order should mean an outstanding, visible, adherent way of life which will make for true happiness and true friends.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1948

Democracy is as difficult to define as is religion and as hard to describe as is society. If I should propound the query "What is democracy" to ten of my brothers, doubtless I would receive ten different replies.

One might say, "A democracy is a country in which all men are equal." Another: "A government of the people, by the people for the people." Or: "The greatest good of the greatest number," Or: "Equality of civil rights."

Noah Webster, author of the dictionary, puts it: "Government by the people." My own definition is that democracy is a political and social institution based upon civil equality providing for free expression in the arts, sciences, religion and enterprise, depending for its workability upon the mutual confidence and respect of its citizens and having for its great objective the betterment of man. When the mass of people living in a nation learn how to live together as a people, and devise means whereby to secure for themselves their rights as a people, and contrive political machinery and social institutions of such character as exist by and for the whole mass of individuals, that land may be said to be a democracy, for democracy is a state of society in which the people as a whole control in their own collective interest the institutions and forces of the nation.

Although the institution of Freemasonry cannot and does not mingle in the fierce conflicts of antagonistic political parties, nor engage in "conspiracies against the state" it must necessarily, by its moral influence, affect materially the social and political progress of a people.

For many years the order was the sole repository of that grand idea which is now rapidly becoming the supreme political virtue of the present generation—that the people are the primary source of all sovereignty, and have undoubted rights to elect their own governmental forms, their rulers and executive officers.

From time immemorial Freemasonry has shadowed forth, with more or less distinctness, the ideas of equality, liberty and democracy. The Lodge itself is a model government—a government of law. The brethren whatever distinctions divide them in the world without, are equal. The officers are elected by universal sufferage, and exercise their prerogatives for the general good of the Craft. Hence, we find that Masons in all ages, and especially for the last two or three centuries, have been inspired with the loftiest ideas of social progress.

MASSACHUSETTS. Grand Master. 1947

LODGE NOTICES

My attention has been called recently, on more than one occasion, to the fact that in some of our Lodges new members, in some cases candidates, are being solicited for business purposes by certain commercial organizations. In most instances the solicitation was in behalf of companies that restrict their sales efforts exclusively among the members of the Craft. This, together with the fact that most of the personnel of such companies are also members of the Craft, has a tendency to give the erroneous impression, particularly among the newer members, that these organizations have some special status in the fraternity. In none of the cases that have come to my attention has there been the slightest criticism of the commercial function which the organizations serve. In fact, it might even be conceded that these organizations are performing a useful economic function which amply justifies their existence. It is only the method employed to make business contacts among members of the Craft that has given rise to complaints

One method employed is to secure a representative in as many particular Lodges as possible whose duty it is to supply the names and addresses of other members, particularly new members, as prospective customers. Some organizations have gone so far as to require their representatives to forward their lodge notices, which, of course, supply an easy and practical way to build up a mailing list of the names and addresses of every new member.

It is settled Masonic law that a lodge notice is a personal and private communication from a Lodge to the members and that the information which it contains is private Masonic business for the sole benefit of the members. After a notice has served its intended purpose, each member should either destroy his copy or keep it in his private file for his own personal use. The use of a lodge notice for business purposes is un-Masonic and any member so using a lodge notice may be subjected to Masonic discipline.

Just how far a member of the Craft can properly go in employing the information secured Masonically for business purposes must be governed in each individual case by the dictates of good taste.

It does not seem to me, however, that it is consistent with the standard of good taste for one member to furnish any commercial organization with the name and address of another member without his knowledge and express approval, and then only after it is definitely understood that there is no connection whatsoever between the fraternity and any such commercial organization.

MINNESOTA. Grand Master. 1947

Great care should be exercised in the investigation of candidates. Every influx of new members brings with it some who do not have the ability either to weather the storms of adversity or the exhilaration of prosperity. Some will drop out and others will make you wish they would drop out. See to it that only those who are worthy and well qualified are selected.

That lodge meetings and activities be made as interesting as possible. Most of our members are men of intelligence, with broad and varied interests that cannot be satisfied with ritualistic work and Masonic history alone. The Tradition of Masonry has always been to supply its members intellectual as well as ethical needs. Most of our lectures are designed to arouse an interest in education, philosophy and religion, and many of them derive from a time when Masonry sought to give its members genuine practical instruction in such prosaic subjects as grammar, rhetoric arithmetic and geometry, as well as music, logic, and astronomy. We should endeavor to be as helpful as were our ancient brethren.

The lodges should endeavor to promote fellowship, not only among their own members but between their own members and those of neighboring lodges as a step towards a realization of the brotherhood of man, towards which we are all working

The principles of Masonry are as old as mankind and because they are old there are those who tell us they are out of date. It is said that we are living in a new and a different age; one that is scientific, streamlined and characterized by revolutionary discoveries and concepts which outmode all of our old ideas, customs and standards and that, therefore, orders like ours which are founded upon ancient principles and traditions have outlived their usefulness.

Certain principles, however, are always valid; they never change. There are certain principles of human conduct like those of mechanics, which are always valid.

The atomic bomb, which is the newest instrument that is supposed to revolutionize war, power, industry, change our mode of life and our thinking, is new in application but not in principle. It utilizes a principle that has been in operation in the sun since the beginning of time, with machines that manufacture and use wheels, levers, screws and springs, all as old as man. It does not repeal the law of gravity, change the length of the day or the character of our climate Neither does it change the nature of man or his need of shelter, clothing and food, or the things that make him suffer or make him happy; nor does it change his ambitions and his aspirations.

When perfected, it will be just another machine, or a power to be used for definite human purposes and will not be an end in itself. We hope that it can be used to relieve human suffering to eliminate toil and drudgery, and to give us cheap power for convenience in travel and in manufacture.

All of these things are desirable, and we hope it comes soon but it will not eliminate greed, selfishness, ignorance, intolerance, narrow-mindedness fear, hate hostility, suspicion, mistrust, pettiness, hypocrisy or class materialism.

A new world may be in the making, but it will not be better as long as these characteristics prevail. A better world must be based upon brotherly love, truth, justice and vision, and a desire for better things.

When you think of a better world your thoughts first turn to such things as better wages, or profits, lower taxes, new cars, new suits and white shirts. But on second thought you think of the deeper and more permanent satisfactions of life such as love, friendship, human welfare, the abolition of poverty and unemployment, of crime and intolerance—the kind of a world in which the people are friendly and helpful, honest, broad-minded, tolerant and progressive These things can come only when people want them.

Most far-reaching changes, political, social, economic or religious, come as the result of intense organizational activity. There are usually long periods of agitation and recommendation by conventions societies, clubs, unions, political parties with eventual action by Congress or other legislative bodies. This tends to make us lose sight of the basis of all genuine reform and improvement of conditions viz.; individual character.

Masonry like the church and school, concerns itself with individuals and their character and not with issues. It tries to impress upon its members the principles of truth, justice and brotherly love.

Never, before have these principles been needed as they are now. The world is being shaken to its very foundations by fear, hate, suspicion and intolerance and unless they are replaced by goodwill, understanding, confidence and tolerance there will be no "new and better world."

If a new and better world does grow out of our new concepts, new discoveries and the suffering we have been through, it will be based upon the principles of brotherly love, relief of distress, and truth. All other social virtues grow out of these.

MISSISSIPPI. Grand Master. 1947

RITUALISTIC WORK

Ritualistic perfection is one of the aims of Freemasonry and we have almost reached that point in Mississippi. The Grand Master visited the Annual School of Instruction for Deputy Lecturers in Meridian on April 22-23, and also attended three of the Congressional District Schools. After having observed the work in at least five Grand Jurisdictions during the past year, I am impressed with the perfection of our work. It has a simplicity and clarity which is evident; the language used has a certain purity and dignity which can not be overlooked. This did not happen by accident. The many years of unselfish devotion and the scholarly attitude of our distinguished Grand Lecturer, Dr. J. Rice Williams, is responsible. To him and his faithful corps of deputies, together with our able Board of Custodians of the Work, we owe our eternal gratitude. It is a monument that could not be built with human hands and will outlast any material building.

NEW YORK. Grand Master. 1946

The Grand Master leaves the following cautions, with emphasis, but without extended comment.

(1) Do not build Temples unless the money is reasonably in hand. Borrowing from Brethren on bonds, unless there is assurance of repayment, is not good practice. When needy widows of Brethren ask for the just redemption of these bonds and you are unprepared to do so, the situation becomes tragic. Do not build until you can afford it.

(2) The beauty, dignity and impressiveness of our Ritual if often destroyed at the East gate. The responsibility is the Master's—discharge it, always

(3) Worshipful Masters, give especial care to the conduct of the Masonic funeral service It is almost heart-breaking to have this service carelessly read in the presence of the public

by which they frequently judge our whole Fraternity, and particularly when it is given by one who is emotionless and can barely be understood or heard. If this last service for a departed Brother cannot be rendered properly, with the impressive dignity and solemn beauty it deserves, and so that his family and friends may be comforted in their grief, it were better to omit it entirely. We owe it to our deceased Brethren and the Craft to have this service rendered by the most capable and available craftsmen in each Lodge, who has qualified himself sufficiently for it.

NEVADA. Grand Master. 1947

My last official appeal to you is that as you resolve to build Masonry in your Lodge, into your life and into the life of your newly raised Brother, that you will also resolve to think of those things that are above and beyond the obvious local issues that may concern you. As you resolve to build, then I entreat you to look far into the future, envision the kind of a Lodge you want yours to be, and the kind of an impression you wish your children and their children to gain of the fraternity. If you will do this then you may be assured that you will build your fraternity to the full limits of its potentialities. Then when it comes time for you to pass the burden of leadership on to younger hands you may be content in the knowledge that you have done your part and have discharged faithfully the obligations which you took at our altar and the obligation that fate has placed upon you during your brief trusteeship on this earth.

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1947

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Manitoba was represented by M. W. Brothers, M. S. Donovan, Immediate Past Grand Master, Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, William Douglas and Harry Woods, who were presented by M.W. Brothers Charles M. Pollock and Harry Gill.

My brethren, Fraternalism is an individualistic philosophy that can only exist under governments of free people. Our order therefore has definite stake in our form of government and every other form of government that recognizes the individual rights of its people. In this day and age we are vitally interested in the world civilization, and its philosophy. We cannot confine ourselves to our own Grand Jurisdictions, or to our own country, or to the western hemisphere. Progress and invention in the past decade, has made it necessary for us to become world minded. We live in one world. We must therefore, as a fraternity, and as individual Freemasons, give thought and careful study to the Charter, Program and Purposes of the United Nations, and to a world organization based upon the teachings, principles and philosophies of Freemasonry. Only in that way can we perpetuate the civilization in which we live, and perpetuate the benefits of Freemasonry. It has ever been the purpose of Freemasonry to bring about the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. Today every Master Mason should dedicate himself to the task of bringing Freedom, Liberty, Justice and Toleration, and a just and a fair Peace to the entire world. Only then will discord and wars disappear, and only then will we accomplish our aim, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Fatherhood of God.

The Masonic fraternity seeks to unite all that is highest and noblest in art, philosophy and religion, and to bring it all to the service of a vast world-wide fraternity of free men. It seeks to form one great society the whole world over, uniting every noble and redeeming idea of humanity making all things better because of its presence. It is striving to build a society upon a basis of spiritual faith. Its mission is to make men friends, and to refine and exalt their lives. Its task is to make man better, to refine his thoughts purify his dreams and broaden his outlook. It seeks to hold aloft the temple of character which is the noblest labour of life to build, and which will outlast time and death.

Masonry has done much to arouse the moral conscience of the world, and today Masonic principles are stirring the hearts of men the world over as never before. The fate of Freemasonry is in our hands, and it must lose nothing of its worth and purity through our moral indifference. We must transmit it not only as free and unsullied as we ourselves received it, but with added lustre to our successors. This may best be done by the practical application of the lessons of human equality, justice, toleration and fraternity learned around our Masonic Altars.

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Master. 1947

This has been a banner year in Masonry, our membership has increased as never before, new lodges have been formed and others are contemplated. Some may be anxious over the influx, but in general I believe the lodges are well supervised, having every confidence in our District Deputies. I believe they are zealous in their duties. Some Masters could have been less ambitious, (one only two years a Mason) for experience is a valuable asset to any Master. No man is fitted for the Chair in less than five or six years at least. Some Masters apparently think of only one book on Masonry, that is, the ritual. Many suggestions have been made for increasing the interest and improving the lodge, such as films, lectures, lodges of instruction, inter-lodge visitations, plays, more instruction to the candidate both before and after the degrees. It takes time and patience to improve yourself in Masonry. In the light of today's problems the symbolism must be interpreted. In my initial message to the Craft, I briefly outlined Masonry as a force for good, in a world that needs such a force, a philosophy when men need encouragement and inspiration, a brotherhood as wide as the world. Masonry is not a social club, or a service club. While these have their place and our support, its mission is in the building of a nobler manhood. Recognizing the three fundamental landmarks in the building of a better world, for unless we become better men than we are, we cannot build a better world than we have. Our hope is not in the present; patience as a component virtue was our first lesson in Masonry. There is significance in the suggestion of President Truman's and the recognition of foreign jurisdictions is worthy of our contemplation. We are living in an era of changing conditions and 'twas always thus, except for a period in the Middle Ages when the world stood still. In the last three decades the tempo has rapidly increased. Back a while ago, we read where a cynical world gave us a Diogenes going about with a lantern in the day time, looking for an unselfish man. The battlefield of Crimea gave us a Florence Nightingale; thence developed the Red Cross nurse; the prophecy of Tennyson in the "Vision of Locksley Hall" has become a reality; Shakespeare puts it briefly, "sweet are the uses of adversity." Scripture has it "out of the eater came forth meat and out of the strong came forth sweetness." The exigencies of wartime developed air travel and today costly cargoes are carried with speed and safety. We soar above the clouds to our destination. Will the prayer of the poet become the prayer of Masonry realised, "that man to man the world o'er, will brothers be and a' that?"

> For there is neither East or West,
> Border nor breed, nor birth,
> When two strong men stand face to face
> Tho' they come from the ends of the earth.

Brethren, today, we live! Each can do a little, the sum of our efforts will be great. Look up, my Brother.

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master. 1947

If we had true vision, mistakes would be reduced to a minimum. Leaders so great that it was their full intention to conquer and rule the world—to enslave mankind, had visions, but theirs were not true visions. All leaders have followers, but the followers seem to be devoid of any vision. Followers there were in Germany, Italy and Japan. The people all marched on with their leaders—marched on to destruction and death. They all marched on willingly it seems, until their hollow visions and dreams came crashing down around them. Would they have followed had they seen where the road ended? Fatal mistake! Without vision, the people perish.

It is the lack of true vision in the people—people like you and me—that makes false leaders possible. Why are we unable to discern dearth of vision in our leaders? Why do we, in our democratic freedom, vote for public servants whose only intention frequently is to serve themselves and their own special group interest Why do we seemingly condone crookedness in high places? Why do we allow ourselves, here and in all countries everywhere, to become dupes of unscrupulous schemers, of political mountebanks, of leaders who have no moral right to occupy their exalted positions, whose light is darkness, whose vision is so myopic that no glasses can correct it? Perhaps the reason is that our own vision is somewhat askew.

Today the World Powers stand at the crossroads. Do they have vision, If they are without vision, we can expect a visionless decision. Two world wars in one generation! And now through lack of vision, will the world be plunged into a third and even more cataclysmic struggle? Lost vision can easily be regained. It can be regained by rededication of our lives to truth, justice, mercy, God.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND,

District Grand Master. 1947

Masonry takes the Bible as its rule and guide and pays homage to the Great Architect of the Universe. It teaches that when mankind is adrift from God, men should turn again in reverence for divine guidance. As an organization we all must use special care to maintain the quality of our membership and that every candidate must have a clean, honest character to support his application. Masonry teaches that a man shall prepare himself by righteous living here, for an honourable immortality hereafter. To build a life of a Temple in man, is the grandest task of all and a much more glorious achievement than to handle aright marble or mortar. The Ancient Craftsmen built the Ancient Temples of Rome and Greece but today, you and I are called upon to influence by precept and example, by our wisdom, counsel and advice, to create Temples in the hearts of men, to encourage them to have faith in God and to do his will by keeping the Ten Commandments handed down by the Prophet Moses to mankind and by the high ideals of life as laid down for our rule and guidance in the principles and tenets of our Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons. Let us therefore walk worthy of the vocation to which we have been called.

Masonry has stood the test of time, for its principles are founded on the Holy Bible, square and compasses. When all men practice its precepts, its mission shall be accomplished. Let us labour therefore to do good unto all men and in all our earnest endeavors may the Great Architect of the Universe guide and direct us.

NEW ZEALAND. Grand Master. 1946

Brethren, there has never been a time when tolerance, sympathetic understanding, and charity of thought and action were more needed. Intolerance has been a curse down the ages. We are all apt to judge others without due consideration, and sometimes to impute unworthy motives to those who do not see eye to eye with us. One thing that must impress a thoughtful Mason is the spirit of tolerance that the Craft teaches. No matter what our political or religious views may be, in the lodge, and, indeed, in all our Masonic gatherings, we meet on a common level as men and brothers.

Freemasonry, when rightly understood, teaches us how to live. In the statement supplied to candidates for admission to the Craft the following paragraph appears: "The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men and to help whomsoever he can." It is our duty as Freemasons to endeavour in every way to make the world a better place to live in and to do as much as possible in that direction for the community generally. I venture to think that those who do so will be well repaid, not only by a feeling of satisfaction and pleasure, but by the many close friendships that will result. Ruskin said: "What we think, or what we know, or what we believe, is in the end of little consequence; the only thing of consequence is what we do." Masonry can be a great force for good if we, in everyday life, carry out its teaching to the best of our ability.

It is not enough for us to attend a lodge; that is very desirable, but the mere fact of doing so will not cause men outside the Craft to have "a favourable opinion of the institution." Our Freemasonry must be active. We should assist any organization set up for the good of mankind, more particularly those for the training and guidance of young people of both sexes. They will be the leaders of the future, and our help, encouragement, and example should be given in full measure to ensure that they have a firm foundation to build character upon.

It is said by many that Freemasonry calls for such a high standard of morality and rectitude of life and conduct that it is impossible to live up to it. There is something of truth in the statement, but we can try, and, I am sure, be better for the trying. At a time of trouble like the present, surely it is more than ever important that we should endeavor to live up to our obligations and promises, and indicate by our actions that we take them seriously. Let us try to make our lodges a haven of rest to the troubled brother, so that he will look forward to his lodge meeting with anticipation and back on it with pleasure.

Brethren, it is a privilege to belong to the Craft—an institution founded on the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Of the three, Brotherly Love is the greatest. With regard to Relief, a great deal is being done through the various Boards which control our funds, but more is done quietly by the many sympathetic brethren who obey the injunction to "love one another." Indeed, I think it is the warm brotherly feeling that is so attractive; the friendships made seem to endure and bind members of the Order close together. I read a poem by Leigh Hunt some time ago on this subject which I think merits repeating:—

Abou-Ben-Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a sweet dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold.
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said:
"What writest thou?" The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord
Answered: "The names of those who love the Lord."
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low
But cheerily still, and said: "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

Brethren, I should like to refer briefly to a problem which is giving much concern to leaders of the Craft everywhere at the present time. That is the question of the large number of candidates who have been admitted to our lodges during the last three or four years, and are still being admitted. Unless this problem is handled with care, it may have serious consequences in the future. While Grand Lodge can give guidance and help, the problem is essentially one for the individual Craft lodges, which must ultimately take the responsibility. This matter is a war and post-war problem—an exact repetition of what happened during and after the 1914-18 war, and fortunately we have the events of twenty-five years ago to guide us, if we will heed them.

The problem really falls into three parts: (1) The necessity for guarding our portals so that none but worthy and suitable candidates are admitted; (2) the need for taking an interest in our candidates after they are initiated, passed, and raised, giving them adequate Masonic instruction, and seeing that they do not feel neglected and drop out through lack of interest; (3) the urgent problem of giving adequate Masonic instruction to the numerous brethren who joined the Craft before they went overseas on service with the Armed Forces—many of them very young, who were rushed through their Degrees, often at short intervals—and who have had little or no opportunity for Masonic contacts until they returned to New Zealand. Such brethren know very little about Masonry, and we must help them as quickly as possible to gain a true appreciation of the Craft and what it stands for.

In dealing with the problem of the admission of candidates, we must take definite notice of the danger of very new brethren proposing candidates into the Craft. While there is no constitutional rule on the subject and it is the privilege of every brother to propose candidates, lodges should be very cautious of accepting candidates proposed by new brethren who probably have not a full appreciation of the aims and objects of the Craft. Masters should make it their duty to arrange for instruction to be given to new brethren as to their duties and responsibilities in the proposing of candidates. The Preceptor, or some senior Past Master, or the lodge's representative on the Board of Inquiry would be a suitable brother to handle the matter.

Another safeguard which might well be introduced would be for each lodge to adopt a rule providing some method by which adequate publicity would be given to the name of the candidate among the members of the lodge before it goes on the lodge summons, and thus give full opportunity for objections. Once the name appears on the summons it is often too late.

The matter of seeing that the candidate receives adequate Masonic instruction is not entirely the responsibility of the Master. The proposer and seconder should be considered responsible for looking after their candidate and seeing that he receives the necessary elementary instruction in all the things that a new brother requires to know, and that he is given proper answers to the many questions he will ask. The Master could quite well appoint a small committee of Past Masters to assist in the work of instructing the candidates. Grand Lodge makes two provisions for the Masonic education of the brethren—first the research lodges, and secondly, the Grand Lecturers. Many lodges have adopted the practice of taking their newly-raised brethren to the local Research Lodge, to give them an opportunity of increasing their Masonic knowledge, and I commend this practice to the lodges generally, especially those in the cities where the Research Lodges are located. Then, too, papers from the Research Lodges are generally available, and some lodges have introduced the useful practice of reading extracts from these papers at Lodge of Instruction, to the general benefit of the brethren. During recent years the Research Lodges have undertaken the work of answering questions on matters of Masonic interest, and many lodges, particularly in the outlying districts, have read and discussed these questions and the printed answers at Lodge of Instruction, with beneficial results in increased interest and attendance. The Grand Lecturers, too, have done a very fine work for the Craft, but their services have not been fully utilised during recent years, while the lodges have been busy with Degree work. In this connection, I would recommend Masters to endeavour to set aside at least one regular meeting during the year for a lecture or paper or some kind of Masonic instruction.

Let us endeavour to assist the brethren to carry out the injunction contained in the Final Charge in the First Degree —"that, without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, you will feel yourself called on to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge." In other words, it should be our aim to make Masons rather than to admit members. Our candidates of to-day are our rulers of tomorrow. What we do to-day may affect the whole future of the Craft.

Brethren, there never was a period in our history when there was a greater need for spiritual ideals. Although I have heard it said that Freemasonry is not what it was, I cannot agree with such a statement. I contend that as a great brotherhood we are still contributing something vital to the sum of human happiness. Freemasonry pleads for the faith which saves, for hope based upon mutual confidence, for justice tempered with mercy, for universal brotherhood, and peace and goodwill towards all men.

OHIO. Grand Master. 1947

INSPECTIONS

All Lodges were properly inspected during the year and I was most pleased with the uniformly thorough and excellent reports of the inspecting officers.

An analysis of these reports reveals much significant criteria regarding the welfare of individual Lodges as well as the welfare of Freemasonry as a whole. First, among items noticed, is the fact that the activity and well-being of any Lodge seems to be inevitably and directly dependent upon the activity and proficiency of its officers. Lodges showing regular attendance of officers who are committing to memory, and proficiently delivering the work and lectures are found to be live, growing, and thriving Lodges with excellent membership interest. I regret to report that in a few of our Lodges an obsolescence exists which I attribute mainly to the listlessness of their officers.

While making inspections, I requested the District Deputy Grand Masters to observe and report on the physical condition of Lodge halls, first for fire safety and, secondly, for livability.

I was not surprised to find that many of our meeting places are not equipped with emergency fire exits. An attempt has been made to call each case to the attention of the Lodge, and I have been pleased to receive notification of prompt action in many cases. My Brethren, if one human life is spared, perhaps the life of a Brother or a member of his family, by our concern in this regard, our efforts will have been immeasurably well repaid. I hope that other Grand Jurisdictions will take note of our action and institute similar surveys for, as you know, a year does not go by when fire does not take a horrible toll of lives of human beings gathered together in unsafe structures.

In reporting the condition of decorations, furnishings, and cleanliness of Lodge halls, I hoped to direct attention to the desirability, if not necessity, of making our meeting places comfortable and attractive. If we are to maintain the maximum active interest and attendance of our membership, we must make the Lodge rooms inviting. Surely, in these prosperous times, there is no excuse for allowing them to become shabby and illkempt, and I request now that you look around when you return to your Lodge and answer for yourself whether your Lodge quarters are what they should be.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1947

NEW LODGES

With the constitution of a Lodge this year at Williamsport and another at Harrisburg, no other new Lodges have been consituted in this Jurisdiction in the past ten years. With the manifest interest in Freemasonry as is evidenced by its ever increasing growth, particularly in the larger Lodges in the cities, encouragement must be given to the formation of new Lodges.

If we are to cultivate the fraternalism of Masonry and its ministry to the individual, it can best be accomplished through the medium of the small Lodge where may be expected closer fellowship approaching a family among men. In our striving for Bigness, we become engrossed in Labor, and there is the great danger we may not have time to practice in the Lodge those high principles we endeavor to teach. While there are no constitutional limitations to the membership a subordinate Lodge may attain, I have such strong convictions upon the importance of the small Lodge, that I urge upon the District Deputy Grand Masters to search well in their Districts for those competent to undertake the organization of new Lodges.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Grand Master. 1947

Shortly after I was elected Grand Master, I wrote each lodge in the jurisdiction, asking them what form of meeting they would like for my official visit, and I made the following suggestions:

1. Short Meeting. Grand Master's opening remarks, followed by an "Open Forum", thereby giving brethren the opportunity of discussing various phases of Masonic work, such as Symbolism, Dual Membership, etc.

2. Masonic addresses by members of the Craft, not necessarily Grand Lodge officers.

3. A Degree conferred by the Lodge Officers.

4. A Degree conferred by the Grand Lodge Officers.

I found this to be most helpful in making out my itinerary, as I was then able to make my plans in advance. At this time I would like to sincerely thank all the lodges for the co-operation they afforded me by acknowledging my letter, and informing me what programme they particularly wanted. Through the kindness of some of the Grand Lodge Officers, I was able to officially visit every lodge in the jurisdiction.

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1947

Many matters of interest have occurred, but mind-disturbing uncertainty hangs like a pall over the whole world. It is now over two years since the roar of battle ceased and the whole world hoped that peace would soon dawn. The memory of the disastrous and heart rending slaughter of our young men seems to have been dimmed all too soon.

The representatives of the Nations of the world anxious for peace have been gathered together at Lake Success, outside New York, for many months now and it appears that an open cleavage between the west and the east has come into the light of day and it now seems as if a war of wits is now on the chess board. Every move is offset by a counter move. The whole atmosphere seems to be filled with suspicion and mistrust, with the opposing groups using all the wisdom at their disposal to obtain a preferred position in the economic world.

We, as Freemasons, supporting and believing in the principles for which we stand, namely, brotherly love, relief and truth, stand aghast that the men in high places and representing the world at large seem to have forgotten the Great Architect and Divine Creator of us all and that the desire and hope of the peoples of the world who must finally do the physical fighting await with uncertainty and fear while those in high places stand by and direct their destruction.

May we today, pray that the Great Architect in his own way watch over and direct those leaders in the path of righteousness and brotherly love, in order that a fair and just peace may once more be brought to the masses of the people who crave it.

In view of the above conditions with which we are now faced, let us as Freemasons exert our influence to whatever extent we may to consolidate and put into active practice these principles. Let us make ourselves felt and I urge you, not only to consider yourself as members of a Lodge but to put into daily practice these same principles.

During these trying and dangerous days through which we are passing, the word Communism seems to be in the forefront and as Communism, as we understand it, is in direct opposition to our Order and the principles for which it stands, I would ask our members to be on guard in order that no infiltration be countenanced or permitted which might undermine our Order. I strongly recommend to the officers of every Lodge to be most careful in scrutinizing any applications to become members of the Order.

During the course of the year, I have noted that some of the Constituent Lodges are not observing the amendment to the Constitution which was recently passed, that all communications from these Lodges should be in a sealed, stamped, envelope and I would like to draw the attention of the members of those Lodges to this fact and to instruct their Secretaries to comply with this amendment.

During the year, many Lodges have received what I might term an abnormal addition to their membership and in reviewing the financial position of these Lodges, I find that the Junior Warden's account amounts to a considerable figure in proportion to the general receipts of the Lodge. I realize that many Lodges have been forced to hold additional emergency meetings for the purpose of conferring the second and third degrees during the year and that this necessarily would increase the amount expended for the supper room. We are passing through more or less prosperous times, I might call it inflationary times and I would like to sound a note of warning to the Masters of the Constiuent Lodges that times, perhaps, not as prosperous as they are now may not be too far distant and with this in mind, I would suggest that a more conservative and careful attitude be taken in this direction.

I have noted in reading the monthly communications from the various Lodges that there is a tendency to invite guest speakers at the supper table, who are not members of the Craft. This in a way may be an interesting and instructive part of the programme, but in my opinion, I believe there are sufficient skilled members in our Order who could be asked to give short addresses on Masonic matters of general interest or even on subjects which the particular member was conversant with. This would encourage our members who have these qualifications to prepare short addresses and I am sure would be of great interest to the members.

QUEENSLAND. Grand Master. 1946

I behold an Institution called Freemasonry, without any discoverable beginning and without any apparent end; an institution which accepts and proclaims only those principles which have been tested and approved by all races in all times; an institution devoted to the discovery, preservation and propagation of the few indisputable truths upon which all the sages of the world have agreed; an institution forever adhering to the mature judgment of the ages, rather than to the fleeting theories of the day which is passing over us. I see an institution unchanging and unyielding in a time of universal flux and chaos. I see Freemasonry, immemorial, immovable, and I believe, immortal.

The real strength of Freemasonry lies in its greatest landmark, belief in God, and the influence of Divine inspiration is with it throughout. Keeping strictly aloof from all doctrinal differences and political divisions, it becomes the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship among those who must otherwise have remained at perpetual distance

While the opinions of brethren may differ in politics and religion, Freemasonry provides the means whereby brethren of all parties and sects are bound together by those virtues which are common to all who desire to serve their fellowmen.

I venture to say that no other organization can assemble such a gathering of loyal adherents, men of vastly varying tongue, colour, race and creed, and yet amid all the turmoil and strife in the world to-day, within the portals of a Masonic lodge there is peace, reverence, order and brotherhood.

We are reminded that the price of attainment in the moral and intellectual spheres, as well as in other departments of life, is unceasing vigilance. It takes thought, effort, self discipline to hold what we have achieved, and it takes these things in an even greater degree to advance further in the progressive attainment of the ideals of perfection, which is the goal of the Craft as a whole, and should be the goal of every individual Mason. I sometimes think that perhaps our ideals in their full splendour are unattainable to the average man. However, we are bound to hold the ideal as the object of attainment and to press as close to its realization as circumstances will permit. Constant vigilance is the price of progress.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

Grand Master. 1947

A change was made this year in the Visitation plan for the Deputy Grand Master and Senior and Junior Wardens, whereby each officer makes a Fraternal Visitation to two Lodges each month, beginning in September. If this method is continued in later years, the members in every Lodge in the State will have had an opportunity to meet in their own Lodge these officers, while they in turn will have learned much concerning the life of each Lodge and will have at the same time made many friends.

NEGRO FREEMASONRY

Both at the Grand Masters' Conference and throughout many White Grand Lodges much discussion has taken place and the consensus of opinion, both among North and South Grand Lodges, is that an organization which has a Grand Lodge in every state and over 6,000 subordinate Lodges should not and cannot be ignored. As our Grand Master expressed it, "If it's good for the white man, it is good for the Negro", and it is further felt that we should acknowledge the legitimate existence of Negro Freemasonry with the idea of working along somewhat parallel lines without either interfering with the other. Nô right of intervisitation is asked for or expected and they only desire the stigma of clandestinism to be removed. Massachusetts has already legislated along such lines, New York has appointed a committee, and I suggest that Rhode Island face the issue squarely and appoint a committee for study of the situation.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The following extract from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan concerns our own Grand Master and is given for the information of our readers.

ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in a brief address to the Grand Lodge said it was a great privilege to bring greetings and best wishes from the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba. He continued, "We watch with pride your progress and achievements. I feel I must express my personal thanks for the courtesies you have extended to me as a guest of your Grand Lodge, in which you have made me feel so much at home. It was in Saskatchewan I first saw Masonic light and I do very much appreciate the honours you have given me. I came not merely to enjoy the city, or to enjoy the fellowship, although these bring great satisfaction. I came for something greater than that. I wanted to watch your work, listen to your plans and get a wider vision of Freemasonry, and to see what Freemasonry means. I sometimes wonder that Freemasonry has been able to achieve so much with such poor instruments, but we must take our work seriously." He then repeated a prayer which he had found helpful. "Lord, bless the folks who somehow haven't got there. Bless the folk who meant to do something fine, and haven't done it yet; the folk who might have lived more nobly, the folk who are not as good as they ought to be and know it, who have tried to go straight and failed, who get up, meaning to keep their temper and lose it before breakfast. Lord, bless all those and give them heart to try all over again. And I am one who has fallen short. Lord help me to bring a first-rate great spirit to a second-rate life."

PRESENTATION

At the conclusion of his address, M.W. Bro. Donnelly called upon M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate to come forward. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba he presented him with a certificate conferring upon him the rank of an Honorary Past Grand Master of Manitoba. He was proud to do this for several reasons, first because M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate made his first contribution to Masonry under the Manitoba Jurisdiction; secondly, for M.W. Bro. Tate's great contribution to Saskatchewan Freemasonry; and thirdly, because he was just W. B. Tate, just himself, who was noted for his kindness, sincerity and thoughtfulness.

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED

On Motion of M.W. Bros. Douglas Fraser and M. Musk, it was unanimously resolved that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Constitution, "In recognition of eminence, ability and service rendered," there be conferred on the following Brethren the rank and distinction, namely: M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba; and M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, Honourary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; and on R.W. Bro. Walter

C. McDonald, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Honourary Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

SASKATCHEWAN. Grand Master. 1947

In October I had the privilege of travelling to Yorkton and visiting their Lodge on the occasion of their annual Youth Night, to which reference has been made on a number of occasions by my predecessors and by our Grand Secretary. The Brethren at Yorkton are giving a very considerable service to the youth of the district, not by any means restricted to those of Masonic parentage, but the group that they seek to reach is definitely a selected group. They are young men from their middle teens to the ages of about twenty or twenty-one. These youths made a very definite contribution to the success of the evening. They were, without exception, of the type that Freemasonry would later welcome into its midst. I enjoyed an unusual evening in the efforts made by the Brethren and the response stimulated from the youths who there attended.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1947

MASONIC QUALITY COUNTS

While on the subject of numbers I wish to add a word of warning. There is no great virtue in numbers as such. It is Masonic quality which counts and lodges should be careful to make sure that in their enthusiasm for expansion they do not admit candidates who fall short of the requirements of our Order.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

There is one matter to which the Board of General Purposes has asked me to make special reference. Some Lodges —doubtless owing to a misunderstanding of the provisions of the Constitutions—have purported to confer 'Life Memberhip' on certain brethren, oftentimes 'with full rights and privileges.' In one case a Lodge seeking means to reduce its heavy capital indebtedness, contemplated conferment of 'Life Membership on any brother of the Lodge, who should pay a lump sum equivalent to twelve years' subscription.' The Board was unable to give its approval, first because there is no provision in our Constitutions for 'life membership' of this kind, and second because the proposal envisaged brethren compounding for all future dues by one payment—a practice which, while giving temporary relief, was likely to cause embarrassment on the revenue side later on. The practice has been adjudged Masonically illegal by the United Grand Lodge of England.

A distinction must be drawn between such 'life membership' and the 'honorary membership' which is sanctioned by the Constitutions. Constitution 107 provides that a Lodge may elect by unanimous vote by ballot any member of the the Craft to be an honorary member of the Lodge, provided he shall have rendered some special or great service to the Craft in general or to that lodge in particular, and such honorary member shall not have the right of voting unless such right be conferred upon him by unanimous vote by ballot.

The bestowal of honorary membership for 'special or great service' is a signal honour and one which should not be lightly conferred.

The established custom is that an honorary member is relieved of liability to pay subscriptions to the Lodge which confers the honour.

It is not in the power of the Lodge to confer 'full rights and privileges' on an honorary member. Full rights and privileges' can flow only from the payment of subscriptions. Acceptance of honorary membership, unless the member regards his election merely as an honour and continues to pay his subscriptions, involves the loss of certain privileges. For instance, an honorary non-subscribing member cannot hold office in the Lodge and cannot be a member of Grand Lodge. He is also precluded from exercising certain rights of visitation. I trust that the conception of 'honorary membership' will be clear to the brethren and will not be confused with 'life membership' which is not allowed by our Constitutions.

In view of the numbers which are being added to our Order, the formation of new Lodges has become essential if Brethren are to be given a reasonable opportunity of sharing in the offices of the Lodge—one of the most important phases of Masonic education.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1947

NEW MASONS

This year the Grand Master has mailed personal letters to each newly raised Mason whose name and address he could attain. These messages from the fraternity carried with them congratulations, good wishes, and an invitation to seek opportunities. The opportunities within the Fraternity for service to mankind; encouragement to study Masonry, its ideals, its truths, and its work.

It is hoped that in the coming year more Lodge Secretaries will advise the Grand Master promptly the names and addresses of their newly raised brethren.

Our objective must be to "Make more members Masons" and thus properly assimilate our war-boom growth. Do not hurry your candidate through the degrees, but be sure that he really understands and appreciates all the beautiful lessons to be learned from each degree before he takes the next degree. A candidate is entitled to be taught, as he proceeds, the real meaning and purpose of Masonry, its legends, its symbolism and its Ritual.

We must ever keep before us the knowledge that:

"Masonry is valuable only as we take it out of the Lodge Hall and carry it into the world; we are not Masons if the Lodge Hall is the end of our Masonry."

TASMANIA. Board of General Purposes. 1947

3. At the November meeting the Masters in attendance at the Board of Benevolence meeting were invited to remain and discuss matters arising out of a questionnaire previously sent to the Board by the Lecture Master of the Hobart Lodge of Instruction. The replies to the questions were studied, and it was decided that the Board would recommend to the Grand Master, that instead of the Brethren standing to order with the S/N. of F., while the obligations are being given in each degree, the Brethren will stand in the attitude of Reverence, i.e., no step to be taken, and the R... H... placed over the H..., thumb in line with the other Fingers

TASMANIA, Grand Master, 1947

It is necesary, once again, to emphasize the very great importance of exercising the greatest care in admitting new members into Freemasonry. We cannot admit too many men of the right type, provided that, after admitting them, every effort is made to instruct them thoroughly in the principles and practices of Freemasonry. It is obvious that, with the large number of suitable men seeking admission to the Order the only solution of the problem is to establish new Lodges. It is suggested, therefore, that the larger Lodges might give careful consideration to this matter so that the needs of the Craft might be more effectively met.

But we cannot ignore the fact that in the past we have made many mistakes in acceding too readily to the applications of men who, after admission, have soon lost interest, and have ceased to be useful and effective members of the Craft. These Brethren may, in many cases, be regarded as our Masonic mistakes. We have wasted good Masonic time and labour in introducing them—time which might have been given to more profitable Masonic labour.

Unless a man possesses the earnest desire to help his fellow-men and is willing to work to improve human relationships and promote human happiness and goodwill, he should not seek membership.

I should like to draw attention to the importance of being extremely careful in the attitude we adopt, as Freemasons, towards other organizations and societies of a religious, social, or political nature. As Freemasons, we do not take sides in religious or political discussions There are universal and fundamental principles to which we subscribe and we can embrace within our ranks, men who differ widely on many questions. Our teaching is positive. As an institution we are not opposed to other organizations, for with the breadth of mind and toleration which should characterise Freemasons, we can see the good in earnest human endeavour, and respect men of sincerity and goodwill everywhere. It is for us to strengthen our own ranks so that "Firm in rectitude we may rise superior to all opposition."

TENNESSEE. Grand Master. 1948

I envisioned a great revival of Freemasonry within this jurisdiction. I could see Masons in their various communities carrying forth from their Lodges the banner of righteousness And then at each district meeting during the year I spoke about, "The need for a Masonic Renaissance," endeavoring to give a little light regarding the vision, faith, mission, philosophy and history of our beloved order, and hoping to inspire the Craft to labor for the restoration of Masonry to its rightful place among institutions.

But there is always a difference between the reach and the grasp. Too many of our members have failed to assume their duties. Others have treated their obligations lightly. Some have been drawn away by the attraction of what seemed to them to be material security. Too much sin and vice and immorality are about us. In some instances the prestige of Masonry has suffered and the influence of a Lodge been lessened by the misconduct of a single member. Today we see too many homes broken up—too many children engaged in vice and crime. We see a world at unrest, struggling with dissension, suspicion and jealousy. More than seventy-five years ago General Albert Pike wrote, "There are labors left for Masonry to accomplish greater than those for a Hercules." What was true in his day is true in ours. The lofty purposes of Freemasonry cannot be achieved in a day, or a year, or a generation, or an era. So long as the struggle goes on between light and darkness, and 'Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne," there will be labors challenging Masonry.

VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1947

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

To the District Deputy Grand Masters must go the credit for the major portion of any real Masonic progress during the year. We have heard many complaints in the past of officials accepting honors and failing to accept the responsibilities which automatically accompany them. It has been my good fortune to enjoy courteous and spontaneous co-operation from those distinguished brethren who served as the Grand Master's personal representatives and I wish to gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to them, and to confer upon them the encomium "well done". I sincerely hope that my successor will be as fortunate in having for his consideration recommendations of men who possess the Masonic qualifications and the will to serve which is so essentially necessary in a District Deputy Grand Master.

It is deemed appropriate that the importance of upholding the dignity of the office of District Deputy Grand Master should be given special emphasis. Since he is the Grand Master's personal representative in his district, responsible for the administration of Masonic law and possessing all the authority of the Grand Master unless and until reversed by higher authority, extreme care should be exercised by lodges to recommend only those brethren who possess the qualifications necessary to discharge the duties of the office with credit to themselves, and thereby reflecting honor upon the fraternity. Then, whenever the Deputy is present in any lodge or assembly of Masons, he is entitled to the same courtesy and deference which would ordinarily be extended to the Grand Master whom he represents.

TEXAS. Grand Master. 1947

We have just passed through one of the most horrible wars man has ever known. Our losses have been great, but, measured by those of other nations, ours have been comparatively light. The world, though, is far from settled—mankind still suffers from the tyranny of the mob. Intolerance, hatred and insane ambition still walk abroad. A small group of power-mad men are still working to bring suffering and want to countless millions of innocent and defenseless people. They are looking in our direction. The abundance we enjoy has evoked their envious desire. The very freedom we enjoy—the fact that we gather here today—is evidence of that freedom; yes, that freedom mocks them in their mad jealousy and greed.

We, as freedom loving men must not be blind to the powerful forces now at work. Surely, we, as intelligent men, must now know that we can place no confidence in the empty promises of the mad leaders of these nihilistic forces. We may call it by any name we choose, Fascism, Nazism or Communism. These powers cannot live in the air that free men breathe. Thus, they must destroy all the institutions that freedom and free men have erected. Consequently, whereever and whenever these megalomaniacs rise to full power, they must do so over the broken bodies of free men and the institutions free men love.

My brethren, we must be alert to the danger; yes, ever mindful and watchful. But even more, we must be MILITANT. We must be willing to sacrifice ourselves dearly that these evil influences cannot and will not gain a foothold here . . . Let us remember that among the first institutions to be destroyed by the dictator are Masonic Lodges.

Freemasons are imprisoned, exiled and executed, and for a reason—Freemasons have always taken the lead in fighting for freedom. Freedom of thought, of action, of speech, and of life! We must be MILITANT MASTER MASONS! Nothing less will be sufficient. God willing, we cannot be less. We owe to our sons and their sons the debt of preserving for them all the privileges that we today enjoy. Thus, I sound the call. May our great institution be today's leader as a great moral and spiritual force.

WASHINGTON. Grand Master. 1947

DEGREE WORK

The number of petitions received and candidates elected has continued to keep our Lodges very busy with the conferring of degrees, some Lodges meeting each week and some twice each week, with some five to as high as fifteen candidates each meeting. Under these conditions, there can be no opportunity for anything but to recite the ritual to the candidate,—no opportunity for him to get acquainted,—no time for fellowship,—and what is more important, no time to point out to him that Masonry is a way of life in which there is something for him to use, something that will awaken in him a desire to be of service to his fellow man. We all know the answer: fewer candidates or less rush in "putting them through." If we are to have Masons with Masonry, it will take time; otherwise, we will only have Masons with lapel buttons.

ATTENDANCE

In a somewhat close survey, we find that there are about 85% of the over 54,000 Masons on the rolls of our Grand Lodge who seldom or never attend Lodge. They keep their dues paid, and are proud of their membership. Someone has called them the ''lost battalion.'' One time they applied for membership, were elected, the degrees were conferred. One time they must have been interested. There is but one place where they can be Masonically refreshed, that is in a meeting of Masons. It is the Lodge that can supply the mental, spiritual and social refreshment that all men need. Here there is a very definite challenge to all officers.

SHAMEFUL

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of presumably well-intentioned, but surely misguided, Masons, to find pleasure in greeting our candidates with such expressions as "You're going to ride the goat," "We're going to get you tonight," "Bet you $5 you won't go through with it," and similar nonsensical statements. It must be very embarrassing to our Masters and, of course, damaging to our candidates. It would be well, I think, if the Masters of our Lodges would appoint some serious-minded and studious Masons preferably Past Masters, to have a talk with each candidate immediately after the preparatory lectures are given, so that the candidate's mind might be set at ease and he be in better position to accept the lessons as they are presented in the several degrees.

MAILING LISTS

It has come to our attention that the mailing lists of our Lodges have been solicited. It is our considered judgment that Lodge membership rolls are a part of Lodge records. The membership roster should not be sent out so that the individual names might be put in a position where they could be exploited. The last request for these mailing lists had for its reason Masonic education. In Grand Lodge we have a Committee on Masonic Research and Education in which we have complete confidence and its services are available to all Lodges at all times.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1947

UNAFFILIATED BRETHREN

All Grand Lodges are disturbed by the number of unaffiliated brethren in the various jurisdictions. We, ourselves, are not free in that respect, and I have often wondered what the causes are that lead brethren to disassociate themselves from active participation in the Craft. Doubtless some drop out because the Freemasonry they thought of was something that would be of advantage to them in their business affairs, and find that that is not the case. Such men were never really Freemasons in thought, although they may have been initiated in Lodge. Others leave because the repetition of ritual bores them and they see nothing in the craft beyond the mere ritual words. Some resign on account of change in their economic conditions or because their work requires continuous change of residence and they are not able to become permanently settled in any place. Whatever the reasons may be, the defection of these members is a source of not a little uneasiness, and the presence of unaffiliated brethren in a jurisdiction makes one look round for methods to overcome the wastage. To some extent these brethren have been brought back into active work during the past few years owing to the very considerable extension that has taken place in the number of Lodges, by which means the opportunities for advancement have so greatly increased. Another reason for their return, in my opinion, is that they had begun to realise that in a world whose ideals have been, in a large measure, shattered, there is something—perhaps not definable—in Freemasonry that tends towards Freedom, Liberty, Tolerance and the spirit of human happiness.

But there remain those brethren who have, perhaps, through lack of appreciation of the ethical meaning of the Craft, drifted away mainly through the boredom of ritual. That is the section whose interest we should seek to reclaim. The difficulty is how to do it.

In closely-settled communities Lodges of Research help in a very practical manner. Here, however, we are faced with such an extensive area of territory and such scattered and isolated communities that the effect of a Lodge of Research would probably not be very great. Perhaps we might do something to retain the interest of the brethren generally by preparing short talks on matters of general Masonic interest, such talks to be circulated and read in all Lodges.

They need only be short, but judging by the way 10-minute talks on general subjects are appreciated over the air they should have every chance of success. Apart from a vague general knowledge, many members have very little information concerning Masonry elsewhere, nor have they any clear understanding of many points in the ritual which, in the main, are extremely interesting.

To prepare such talks would require a small panel of well-informed brethren who would be willing to devote a certain amount of time for the work. When prepared, they could be printed or roneoed and circulated among Lodges, say, quarterly, to be read in open Lodge by one of the brethren. If they proved to be of sufficient interest and merit they might be printed as a collection each year and issued to members at a nominal cost, the proceeds to go to the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

I hope this matter will be favourably considered and may say that I would be prepared to join in contributing the necessary talks.

SINCERITY

In the obligations of the various degrees we ''solemnly and sincerely promise" certain observances, and we are also directed to make certain adjustments in token of sincerity; but I wonder how much importance we attach, in ordinary life, to the meaning of the word. We are accustomed to sign ourselves ''Yours sincerely,'' but with how many is that merely a formal conclusion. When we use the word it should convey the information that our words or acts, written, spoken or done, reflect the truth and are made without reservation. Sincerity is closely related to truth; it is, in fact, a reflection of it, and is necessary in the life of each of us if we are to build a future in which there shall be hope for humanity. Any statement based upon a lack of it can only lead to further disaster. We know that insincerity on the part of nations and peoples in the past has been the ground of many misunderstandings, and has laid the foundation of trouble throughout the world.

It is very difficult to formulate any method by which sincerity may become ingrained in human character. In all ages religion has exercised a strong influence over moral standards, very largely by indicating that the violation of them would bring down the wrath of God and assign the evil-doer to eternal punishment. Those who subscribe to religious principle will hestitate to infringe those standards that have been set up for the preservation of moral values. Those who are not so influenced conform only to the laws of the land. We must, therefore, aim at that training of the individual which will instil the quality of sincerity into human character. In this way Freemasonry, whose principles are governed by sincerity and other ethical standards can exercise a definite and distinct influence upon human life.

I make these observations because they are peculiarly applicable at this time. For six years war was waged for the application of these principles, and yet we are not prepared in the peace deliberations to adhere to them. All the insincerity that lies behind national aspirations is evident today. The desire to do the best for all is once more submerged in the fight for national aggrandisement. It is here that the principles of Freemasonry might well be applied. They rest upon honesty of purpose, truth, and a spirit of tolerance; they seek another's good in all unselfishness. They do not necessarily subject themselves to outside domination, but they express the desire of men to be sincere in thought, word and action. An open expression of moral values must inevitably lead to the elimination of all causes of misunderstandings between nations and individuals, and will contribute in proportion to their sincerity with honesty, tolerance and goodwill through which alone we may be enabled to build up a stable peace for the future.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1948

NEW LODGES

Some time ago I was asked whether the number of new lodges had not reached saturation point, and whether the erection of further new lodges was advisable in the interest of the Craft. In answer to these queries, I would like to point out the following facts: At the end of 1935 we had nine lodges, each with a membership of over 100; in 1945 we had 29 such lodges, and many others who were approaching three figures in total membership. They are all busy lodges and are rapidly increasing in numbers. The number of incoming initiates is increasing rapidly and most of those initiates show every indication of becoming enthusiastic Freemasons. They naturally seek for advancement, but the opportunity in a very large lodge is slow in coming. It is to meet the desires of these brethren that new lodges are being formed, but each one of those new lodges has a strong basic element of experienced Freemasons. Further, owing to the inability to advance, some of them lose interest and join the ranks of unaffiliated Freemasons. The present movement has had the effect of bringing many of these brethren back into active membership, and has undoubtedly been of advantage to the Craft as a whole.

Lastly, Brethren, we ought not to place any obstacle in the way of the spread of Masonic tenets and principles.

FESTIVE BOARD

In 1939 I drew attention to the conduct of some festive boards and, in the main, my suggestions were carried out. In May of that year, however, I stated: "There are still occasional complaints that equivocal stories are allowed to creep in. I would urge upon all Worshipful Masters to exercise their authority in such cases and insist that nothing of such character either in song or story shall be allowed.

My attention has been drawn again to this matter and I would like to point out that that type of thing should find no place at meetings in the South. The field of clean humour and clean songs in English literature is very extensive. There is no need to descend to a low level to entertain brethren and certainly most of them do not like it and many of them strongly resent it.

MASONIC DRESS

I have been very pleased to notice the response to my request that brethren should return to full Masonic dress for our meetings. It is understood, of course, that many brethen are still unable to acquire the conventional evening dress, and none of us would suggest that a brother should refrain from attending his lodge on that account. I would, however, like to point out that occasionally brethren have erred too much on the other side. I do not think it is quite correct, and I am sure it is not necessary for a brother to appear in lodge wearing an open-necked shirt and a pullover.

WEST VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1946

I should like to say a word about the selection of District Deputy Grand Masters.

Grand Masters in the past have stressed the importance of the office of District Deputy Grand Master. Not only at the visitations and inspections of Lodges, but in many other capacities he represents the Grand Master. He should be familiar not only with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, but he should be well versed in the ritual. At all times he should be able to counsel and advise the Lodges in his district when questions arise that are usually referred to the Grand Master. He should be familiar and conversant with all phases of Masonic activity and be able to lead the Craft to higher levels. In view of these facts we cannot fail to appreciate the importance of this office. As someone has said. "It is one of the most important assignments in our Grand Lodge system, and the Grand Lodge deserves the nomination and appointment of the most outstanding Mason in the District."

There has long been a feeling among many of the brethren that this office should be rotated among the several Lodges in the District. I share in that opinion, provided a Lodge has some one to propose who is well qualified for the office. No one has a just claim to an office or position that he is not qualified to fill creditably.

I have given considerable time and space to this topic; but I have done so, believing that the selection or appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master is of such importance as to warrant more serious consideration than it usually receives. I sincerely hope that when the delegates make their recommendations for this important post they will keep in mind its great significance.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1947

INTERCHANGE OF LEGAL INFORMATION

During the year some attention has been given to a situation that is becoming alarmingly bad which ultmately requires some action or policy from this Grand Lodge. It is suggested that the incoming officers study the freer exchange of legal information between secretaries of various Masonic organizations. In some instances some orders other than Blue Lodges have sought to get information concerning the dues or exclusion status of a member or petitioner. This information has not been forthcoming, consequently we find Masonic Bodies accepting petitions from men who have become badly delinquent in their payment of Blue Lodge dues or have been excluded because of non-payment. It seems to me that every effort should be made to inform Masonic orders of a man's status so that he will not be advanced to the detriment of all concerned including the Blue Lodge. There is a further reason for an interchange of legal information when properly supervised, namely that men will not be elected to high office in Masonic bodies only to have others find that said men are not even in good standing in their own Blue Lodge. The Blue Lodge must not be used by any one as a stepping stone to something that a brother may feel is worth more to him than the Blue Lodge itself. If he aspires to an office in another Masonic body and uses the Blue Lodge as a means of attaining that office, only to become delinquent in his dues as soon as he has accomplished his purpose, then we should take all the protective steps that can be taken in the interests of those brothers who are no less worthy and who join orders only within their means and for service to humanity. There was a time when the initials of all those excluded were published. I am not in favor of again publishing the initials because of the terrific waste of paper and the cost of printing. I do feel, however, that from time to time the Grand Secretary should be authorized to send such information to other Masonic orders in an effort to minimize the abuse that has crept in.

MASONIC EDUCATION

FLORIDA. Grand Master. 1947

It was proposed at the last Grand Lodge Communication that the Grand Lodge should place a brother in complete charge of all of Grand Lodge instructions at a cost of $112.50 per month, in addition to an expense account. The working out of the proposed plan was left to me, as incoming Grand Master. After careful consideration of the proposal, I decided against it for the reason that the subject is too large to entrust to one individual, and the expense too great for the uncertain benefits.

Let me suggest to you the need of education in the degree work in our various Lodges. I am sure that you have all heard that familiar phrase "owing to the lateness of the hour, the lecture of this degree will be omitted." Brethren, I know you will agree with me that we have a lot to do, not only in perfecting our work in the various degrees but in instructing the brethren in the degrees. All this should be accomplished before this Grand Lodge starts on any plan of education where so much of the fundamental knowledge of Masonry has not been properly made available to the Craft.

It is my personal opinion that no brother should be allowed to give Masonic instruction without a limitation being placed upon the extent of the subjects he would cover. You can readily see how the word "education" could easily be misused and confusion result among the brethren. I might also say that we must have unity and a contented Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction and this should be the first item on our program. We need to educate ourselves in the fundamental principles of Freemasonry rather than to go farther astray.

In view of the foregoing, I did not carry out any of the proposals made at last Grand Lodge.

IDAHO. Grand Master. 1947

Lodges in Idaho are in a flourishing condition. Many degrees have been conferred and we have made a gain of 675 this year, making our total membership 11,630, the largest in our history.

While the Lodges have many degrees on hand to start the fall work, yet we should never be too busy that we cannot devote one Communication each month to Masonic Education. Material for such educational programs is available through the Committee on Masonic Education, of which your District Deputy Grand Master is a member.

INDIANA. Grand Lecturer. 1947

SECRECY

Complaint has been made to me that some of our Brethren, in public places and in the presence of non-Masons, discuss matters and affairs that never were intended to get beyond Masonic walls. With secrecy gone the Masonic mystery that ever is attractive to mankind is gone also.

SOLEMNITY

Reports have been made to me that Masons have joked unseemingly in the presence of candidates for the degrees to such an extent that when these candidates presented themselves for initiation some of them came in fear of ridicule, chagrin, torture or bodily harm. Others have been informed that frivolous and ridiculous requirements would be made of them.

Such misconduct on the part of Masons who are guilty of poisoning the minds of candidates is so reprehensible that I recommend that it be the province of the Worshipful Master, when it is reported to him, to make investigation and that if sufficient evidence be found against any Mason, that the Master should cause charges to be made against such offender and that the Lodge should inflict a penalty commensurate with the offense.

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1947

One of the serious problems of Freemasonry in our own, as well as in many other Grand Jurisdictions, is that of lodge attendance. It is receiving serious consideration in many Grand Lodges. It is a problem with many lodges in North Dakota, particularly in the larger cities. In many instances less than twenty per cent of the membership attend lodge. Freemasonry can render no service to its membership, or to the community in which it exists, and can be of little or no influence, unless generally its membership attends lodge, becomes familiar with its philosophy and teachings, and rubs shoulders in the fellowship of Freemasonry. Only then can our Institution influence its membership and the community or society in which it lives. The Masonic educational program suggested is one way of solving our attendance problem. Supplemented by an appropiate social and welfare program, it should solve the problem, and give Freemasonry its rightful place in the community, and in the lives of its members.

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1947

I do not know whether this heading is a fitting one for what I am about to say, perhaps some other designation might be more appropriate, but in any event, let me speak of it as Masonic Education.

I have noted with pleasure the efforts of the Committee appointed by the Past Masters' Association of the Montreal Districts to revive and endeavor to create a real interest in the study of the arts, sciences and philosophy of our Order. I feel sure that this Committee of Past Masters will co-operate and will be of great assistance to the Library Committee, headed by R. Wor. Bro. A. J. B. Milborne.

I have viewed with concern the large number of initiations which have been made by many of the Constituent Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction and I am perfectly sure that these candidates, being accepted in such large numbers, cannot possibly obtain a proper grasp of what our Institution is and the principles for which it stands. I often wonder whether the Master of a Lodge feels that his work is done when he confers upon the candidate his third degree. The candidate is told to make a further study of the liberal arts and sciences, as may lie within the compass of his attainment, and to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

May I ask how a candidate can be expected to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, unless he is taken care of by a Committee of the Lodge or even by the Master himself, in order that this newly made member can have an opportunity of increasing his Masonic knowledge by proper direction.

I have always considered the presenting of a certificate to a Master Mason, that it is the same as a boy obtaining his degree when he graduates at a University. In the case of the university degree, the young man is considered armed with the necessary qualifications to make his own way in the world, but when a Mason receives his Master Mason's degree he has only been told in general terms what are the principles of our Order, with very little information as to its history, back to as we say ''Time immemorial''.

Too often are demits asked for, too often are Brethren suspended for non-payment of dues and too often are Brethren walking around our cities and towns unaffiliated to any

Lodge. What is the answer? Are we not ourselves to blame for our neglect to discharge a duty that we owe them.

Freemasonry is both a science and an art, a science embracing the varied and manifold relations of our entire social structure, our duty towards our Creator, our fellow men and ourselves. The Craft has produced many able minds, who have spent many years of investigation in an effort to obtain a proper understanding of the philosophy of our Order. Many volumes contain the results of their labors.

I well know that the facilities for this research are not within the reach of every member, but I do feel that if the newly initiated members were given some supervision and direction it would add tremendously to the support which we should receive from the members of the Order.

I think all the Brethren will admit that, might I say, fair treatment has not been accorded the newly initiated candidate, because at that moment in his Masonic experience when his mind is most susceptible to reaction we have neglected to pave the way or render any systematic assistance in his pursuit of knowledge which we so frequently recommended to him in the ceremonies through which he passed, more particularly to the charge in the first degree.

I may have dealt at some length on this question, but I hope what I have said will be considered carefully by the Masters of all Lodges and that some constructive steps be taken by them and their officers to improve the relationship and understanding of these newly initiated members and our great Order.

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1947

Today we are faced with the problem of educating our new brethren. Degree work is plentiful, finances healthy, and interest high. The problems of today are the proper investigation and selection of applicants and the education of candidates, not only in the ritual but in the history, laws, customs, and philosophy of Freemasonry. Candidates are knocking at our doors in large numbers, but we must not be misled that this condition will exist forever. It is inevitable that there will be another depression and, if we can succeed in really educating our new brethren, we can greatly reduce its impact on the fraternity. I am recommending that the Grand Lodge approve the appointment and function of a Grand Lodge Service Council for the ensuing year.

Membership shall consist of the Grand Master, ex-officio, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and three members appointed by the Grand Master from the Permanent Members.

Duties of the Council shall consist of advising and assisting the Grand Master in the development of Masonic activities in all Districts and Lodges. Particular emphasis shall be given to assisting the District Deputies and Masters in holding Masonic events to encourage enthusiasm of the Craft.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1947

For a number of years our Grand Lodge has been fostering education or the dissemination of Masonic information among the Craft. This should be one of the most important phases of our work and I earnestly desire to commend its continuation and expansion through the Masonic Service Committee. While we are making some progress along this pathway to an ''Informed Masonry'' through our general educational and informational Masonic lines a careful analysis of the actual progress made will clearly show that we as a group have scarcely scratched of the possibilities that could be attained. I am convinced that while we are doing something along the lines of general education such as distributing among the Craft, Masonic literature, conducting Masonic Informational programs at Lodge meetings and public gatherings of the Craft, teaching of our Ritual, Masonic Law and Procedure and many other things vital to a proper conception of Masonry's moral and spiritual teachings, we are not spreading sufficient information over the whole of the Craft nor are we meeting the real needs of the true rank and file Masons.

In an expanded program of Masonic Education I believe we should further stress and emphasize our Ritualistic work, organize District and Lodge study groups; sponsor inspirational programs, public meetings for the entertainment, edification and delight of the Craft and in general amplify the program of assimilating the newly made Masons within the ranks of our fraternity.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

CANADA (in Ontario) Grand Master. 1947

MEMBERSHIP

There has again been a heavy influx of new members, a net increase of 4,891, bringing our total membership as of 31st of December, 1946, to 104,400, details of which will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary. Numerical strength alone will not produce the desired results. We must profit by past experience if we are to attain that measure of success we seek, ever remembering that Freemasonry can rise no higher than its members make it rise by their own character, conduct, and effort.

The late Archbishop Owen, in pleading for a stronger church, early in the year expressed the opinion that "since the war, people are being drawn more to think about the church and its mission. Many people are trying to figure out the ultimates in life. People are more inclined to have a higher conception of their duty to their neighbors. Through the lessons of the war, people are realizing to a greater extent that they cannot live to themselves, but have to make sacrifices for the good of the whole.

This opinion, expressed by one so competent to judge and of whom it may be said that there is no more eminent authority, must apply at least as fully to Masons as to other people.

My visitations lead me to believe that there has been a substantial revival of interest among members at large, or perhaps only more concrete evidence of interest by way of participation in our rites and ceremonies.

I cannot subscribe to the oft-repeated suggestion that irregular or non-attendance evidences complete lack of interest or indifference on the part of the member. I believe he appreciates his membership although in many cases evaluating only certain personal benefits which he feels he derives from our philosophy and teachings. He pays his dues, when required, as his contribution to the tangible work of his Lodge and the Craft. He has done his whole duty as he sees it. Here it all ends by reason of lack of appreciation of the intangibles, the real purpose of Masonry, its influence through him upon his fellowman and the community.

In discussing this problem with the late Primate, he drew a parallel picture of the church membership,—an unfortunately large percentage willingly making their monetary contribution toward the upkeep of the institution, feeling that they were themselves benefiting from its teachings in some measure and their usefulness ending there, entirely overlooking the influence of themselves or the institution upon, and their contribution to, the good of individuals and of society in general.

Every right-thinking man has a sincere desire to do something for humanity, but all too frequently is seeking tangible results. The difficulty in bridging the gap between tangible and intangible may explain some of the uncertainty as to how the lessons of Freemasonry can be applied to every-day life.

I wonder how many of our members, when thinking of Freemasonry, think only of tangible things; good fellowship and congenial friends — no qualification outweighs a capacity for friendship; the beauty and dignity of our ceremonials —the final test is not an emotional appreciation of the symbolism of the Temple; masonic education — literature makes us think about more things, gives us a brighter outlook; our charitable efforts—if men have no capacity for generosity, they bring nothing in their hands. All these and many other tangible things are all well worthwhile in themselves, but are only incidental to the real purpose of Freemasonry. How many fail fully and completely to realize what Freemasonry really is, what its true purpose is and what it is doing. Let us see what Freemasonry essentially is. Freemasonry's primary mission is to teach men the art of living in harmony with, and in service to, their fellowmen, to enlighten the mind, arouse the conscience, stimulate the noble and generous impulses of the human heart. It seeks to promote the best type of manhood based upon the practice of brotherly love and the Golden Rule—in short, its goal is character-building. Freemasonry is more than a system of morality. It opens to us the doors to a useful, better, fuller, and more satisfying way of life — all highly intangible.

Freemasonry teaches the spirit and idealism of service. It impels men to serve but never proposes, as an organization, to perform services in which it expects its members to engage. The Institution can furnish leadership and inspiration. When it has done that, it has fulfilled its mission. It cannot live the Mason's life for him. Only by his own efforts can he experience the benefits that he may be tempted to expect from membership alone.

If you ask me what Freemasonry is doing, I would ask you a question and I would put it in this way. You are a Mason, what are you doing? You, together with other Masons, are Freemasonry in person, Freemasonry in action. Freemasonry's usefulness is the cumulative and collective effort of its members. If you contemplate this question seriously and think and look about you with eyes that want to see, you will find that Freemasonry, through Masons, is performing many services. You will find a very gratifying, and some of you a somewhat surprising, answer to your question as to what our Craft is doing.

Brethren, as Masons, every one of you is, in varying degrees, doing something for humanity and you are accomplishing results whether you realize it or not. When we practise sincerely the ideals we profess in our lives, in our community life, in our national life, and in the life of the world, there will then be no need to ask "What is Freemasonry?" "What is Freemasonry doing?" because each Mason will know for himself.

CONNECTICUT. Grand Master. 1947

If we were to assume that at the beginning of 1931 there were no non-affiliated Masons in Connecticut we see that during the next fifteen years 14,735 brethren became non-affiliated. In the same period only 2,848 were affiliated and reinstated leaving a net loss of 11,887. If we apply to this reservoir of non-affiliates the same mortality rate as shown among our members (about 1 in 50 per year), we find an estimated loss from deaths of 2,161. Thus we see that we have at the present time a net total of something over 9,700 Masons in Connecticut who are not affiliated with any Lodge; equivalent to one non-affiliate for each four members on our rolls.

While it may be true that some of those who dropped out during this period were so-called "deadwood," we cannot but believe that by far the majority were the victims of unfortunate circumstances. They were good Lodge members once and they would make good Lodge members again.

We are aware that it is entirely improper to solicit a candidate for Masonic membership but this ban does not apply to those who were formerly members. They are still Masons and they can and should be asked, even urged, to renew their Lodge membership.

It seems to us that sometimes Lodges, instead of encouraging this renewal of membership by making it easy, place obstacles in the way. One Lodge this year submitted by-laws for approval which provided for a fee of $24.00 for the reinstatement of members who had been dropped for non-payment of dues. This provision did not meet with the approval of the Committee on By-Laws. We believe the only requirement for reinstatement should be the payment of the indebtedness to the Lodge and the passing of the unanimous secret ballot as required by Section 626 of the Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations. We do not believe the Lodge should make any additional requirements.

Many Lodges, we believe, set their fees for affiliation too high. One Lodge adopted by-laws this year requiring a fee of $15.00 for affiliation. There are probably Lodges that have fees even higher than this. Some Grand Lodges do not permit any fee to be charged for affiliation. While we do not recommend that such fees should be prohibited in Connecticut, we do think that the fee, if there be one, should be kept at a nominal figure and should in every case be remitted where a Brother makes application to rejoin the same Lodge from which he obtained his demit.

Let us make it as easy as possible for the desirable non-affiliate to regain Lodge membership.

IOWA. Grand Master. 1947

The subordinate lodges all over the State are in a better condition than they have been for many years. Most of them are doing an unusual amount of degree work, and the smaller lodges, in particular, have been greatly benefited by an increasing interest on the part of the membership, due to the number of new petitions that have been received. This situation will no doubt continue for several years. Under these circumstances I feel that it would not be amiss to caution the Craft that their investigation of the petitioners should, if anything, be even more rigid than in normal times. While it is our desire that our great principles shall be spread as far and as wide as possible, this will not be accomplished merely by increasing the number of our votaries. Unless each of our initiates is properly imbued with the great lessons of our

Order, and unless there is instilled in him a sincere desire to conduct his life in accordance with the standards we have set, neither the initiate nor Masonry is benefited. We should seek quality, not quantity.

KANSAS. Grand Master. 1948

I am convinced that Masonry in Kansas is in commendably good condition. While at the writing of this paragraph, all the details are not before me, it is known that there was a net increase in membership of more than four thousand during the past year. This net increase is some twelve hundred less than the increase for the preceding year, but the fact that our Lodges raised just short of five thousand, clearly indicates that a great many of our Lodges were at least comfortably busy with degree work.

Degree work alone, however, is no criterion of a Lodge's success or failure. Degree work, as I have tried to point out time and again in my visits over the State, is not the end toward which Masonry is working; it is only a means toward the end.

What has seemed of significance to me, as indicating the Condition of the Order, has been the large number of visits I have had, some of them out over the State, some of them in my office at home, when Lodge officers, present or incoming, have come to me to discuss ways and means of making their Lodge meetings more interesting to the members; of increasing attendance at Lodge meetings; of encouraging the study of Masonic teachings and symbolism; of making their Lodges a more influential and vital part of the community life. And it has been significant to me that in none of these discussions — and some of them were long ones — has any Lodge officer shown any concern or even interest in increase of the Lodge's membership. It may be remarked in passing that in a Lodge with such leadership, the question of increase in membership will take care of itself.

KANSAS. Grand Master. 1947

By numerical measurement stated in totals, Masonry has had a thriving year, a net gain shown by the Annual Reports of approximately 5,213 members. On the whole our lodges prospered by increases in membership and improved financial condition. More lodges show gains than last year, and less than half as many show membership loss as in 1945, and it is encouraging to note that the increase in membership is being enjoyed by the small, as well as large bodies.

Reports of official visitations by District Deputy Grand Masters show an occasional situation where the lodge does not hold Stated Communications, and he is unable to make the official visitation. Correspondence from the Grand Master, asking if there is any help the Grand Lodge can give, receives no recognition. A dormant lodge is a liability to the Body of Masonry. Instead of being a community asset, and an active support of all worthwhile projects, it furnishes no attraction or opportunity to the deserving men of the community, and good substantial men (citizens) are lost, who would promote the general welfare of the people, when properly guided.

Reluctant as I am to suggest the plan, I feel that a close analysis of the Synopsis of Returns of the lodges by the Council of Administration will point to the merging of several small inactive lodges with those of proven strength, zeal and activity and that Masonry in those communities will be well served by aggressive action to that end.

The reception of 5,800 novitiates offers a golden opportunity to Masons of maturity and community standing, who are now inactive in actual degree work, to improve every occasion to counsel with these new brethren to impress on them the importance of the "three great duties," the individual effect of their observance or unobservance, the personal advantage of the teachings of the "four cardinal virtues" and the personal responsibility of each one of us in the maintenance of our social and moral structure, so eloquently set forth in our dependence on each other by the monitorial lesson on the Bee Hive, and that more is expected of those who have been well taught; that it is an honor to be known as a Mason and that it may become a distinction to be known as a Kansas Mason. Who is a Kansas Mason? He is a man who puts his trust in God, a man who quietly and consistently obeys the laws of his State, who lives honestly and honorably in his community, who listens attentively to those in trouble and lends kindly aid and matured advice, who by precept and example attracts the attention of other men who, as a result of his example, come knocking at the doors of our lodges praying admission. A man, the noblest part of the work of God. To quote a recent edition, man is not as strong as an elephant, but has the power to train the elephant to do his task; man cannot fly with the speed of the hummingbird at 100 miles per hour for hours at a time, or soar with the eagle over the high mountain, but man can perfect mechanical devices that outspeed the hummingbird and top the altitude of the eagle. Man cannot submerge in the depths and swim like the fish, but man can contrive the submarine and dive to the ocean floor. Man cannot grow wool to warm his body like the sheep, but man can weave wool into garments to clothe a king. Man cannot fix direction like the homing pigeon, nor foresee the coming change in weather like the animal and the bird, but man can make the compass, barometer, thermometer, radar and use them accurately. Man does not live like the turtle to be hundreds of years old, but man, by honest and upright living and the compliance with simple plans long laid down and proven by experience, can spend an eternity in the favor of the God in whom he puts his trust.

Man by the use of the powers of soul and mind, given him by God himself, subdues all nature and uses it to do his bidding. Let all Kansas Masons live to honor the God whom we as Masons reverence and serve. Let us cultivate the soul as well as the soil and lend color as well as content to our civilization.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1947

STATE OF THE ORDER

What a year 1946 has been. In 1945 we emerged from War into peace, and as we go to press here is the picture of the situation today. Millions of Americans are restless and have unquiet minds. The American delegation at the Peace Conference is receiving an endless repetition of "no's" to every proposition they advance. Our Country has proved that they can fight a war and win it, but we do not want another war. We are worried about the millions of Europe's starving. We worry about the wars that are not quite official in China and Palestine, and in India and the Philippines; we worry about the Atomic Bomb; about the inflation that officially isn't an inflation right here at home, but the gap widened between our pocketbooks and our market basket every day. We continue to worry about the sugar famine and the black market, we worry about strikes and portal to portal pay, about politics, national, state, and city. To a lot of us it looks like the world is headed for hell in a basket, but most Masons are going to keep their equilibrium. We are going to keep our balance because we believe that the mind, reason, intellect and intelligence of man is a part of the universal and supreme mind, reason, intellect and intelligence we may well have lofty aspirations and high ambitions, and we are capable of great things. Therefore we need no other evidence that there is a God, and each one of us is guided by a ray of Divine Light, and each one of us have within ourselves an immortal soul, hence we will act without fear or ill feeling toward anyone. We recognize the importance of keeping calm. We know that no one man can take all the world's worries on his shoulders and survive, and we also know that no one man can please everybody, even that great teacher, Jesus of Nazareth, could only please eleven out of twelve men. King Solomon had a like experience with the builder even with all his wisdom. Some men, even some Masons, become overly conscientious, become aggressive. They start fearing and hating those in authority, and only recognize the evil in the world. They become blind to the truth, and they will never compromise. With them it is either rule or ruin. One cannot have everything the way he wants it in this world today.

During the War, the average Mason did everything possible to help the cause, but the minute the War was over a large number of our brothers wanted to be the number one brother. So it is with the profane. Lately it looks like everyone wants to be president of the United States. Many members of the lodge want to be Master of the Lodge, and quite a number of brothers want to be Grand Master. There seems to be a large number of our Louisiana citizens running for Senator or Congressman. On the whole, ambitions are getting in the way of accomplishments.

It is now time for all Masons to take hold of themselves, and learn to face realities. He is not so good or so big as he thinks he is, now that we are back on a peacetime basis. The war is over.

MEMBERSHIP AND RESTORATION

Our Grand Secretary will report to you presently the detailed figures with respect to our increased membership. I am pleased to inform you that we again have a net gain in our membership. The tide continues to flow in our direction, and I am hopeful this increase will continue.

Let us not however make Masons en masse nor too hastily nor neglect to watch that inner door with care, lest in the years ahead we repeat the decline which we experienced between 1929 and 1943. Let us resolve in our lodges that in the future we will endeavor, with the help of Almighty God, to put more Masonry into men, and not more men into Masonry. For our fraternity there is no glory in numbers—Like the tides of the great oceans, we may never rest, we must flow or ebb, to live and grow, to ebb is to become decadent.

Naturally I am grateful to our lodges for their efforts in welcoming back worthy unaffiliated brethren. Many have been restored during the past year, and from this report I expect your efforts in this direction will bear some additional material. Moreover, far fewer brethren are being unaffilated.

What contrast to several years ago when thousands were unaffiliated in a single twelve months period. Sooner or later my brethren the tide will turn and we shall face another dark period, supply will exceed demand, money will be tight and so will applications, then may we be better prepared to meet this condition than we were the last time.

In many proceedings in our history the height of Masonry has frequently been marked with the figures of membership. The real success of Masonry has been the practice of it day by day, and the comfort it has brought to the brethren in their hours of sorrow.

The gains in figures are meaningless unless we are all watchful, lest we fill our ranks with those who will not prove worthy of our confidence. If Masonry's high ideals were expressed publicly they would win the fame and respect of the outside world.

NEVADA. Grand Master. 1947

STATE OF THE CRAFT

During the first World War there was a great revival of interest in Masonry. Records show that as a result a hasty admission of large numbers of candidates had left us with quantity but with many cases of questionable quality of those hastily accepted.

Those experiences, although discouraging at the time, were evidently well remembered. Even though there has been, since the start of the second World War, and there still is, a marked revival of interest in our fraternity, the craft has been careful in its selection of those seeking admission through our doors.

Even though our numbers have increased from 3,163 in 1941 to 3,937 at the present time, our foundations are secure and we may face the future with confidence, strength and purpose.

I have mentioned to our constituent lodges, and I think it is appropriate to emphasize my admonition and warning here, that we must guard the portals through which those who seek to enter as Master Masons. The most important committee any Master appoints is his investigating committee on the petition of a candidate for the degrees of Freemasonry. This committee must guard well the trust conferred upon it and not impart our secrets to those who are unworthy. While it would be an injustice to exclude any who are worthy, we must also remember that our primary interest is not to bring more men into Masonry, but in developing more Masonry in men.

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master. 1947

WELFARE OF THE CRAFT

For the first time in many years we are privileged to meet without the clouds of active war about us. Restrictions of most every description have been lifted and the activities in our lodges have been unbounded.

The condition of the Craft, numerically and financially, is better than in many years. For all this we are humbly grateful to Almighty God, and yet the responsibility of our Craft is greater today than ever before. The eyes of the world are upon us asking us to justify our existence in the light of present-day conditions.

At times I become alarmed at the great flood of petitioners seeking admission, the rush on the part of lodges to complete work, the desire to cut corners. To do everything in a hurry has the tendency to disregard constituted authority. Much of this constitutes a grave menace to our Craft.

We have had handed down to us an honorable institution. Have we less an obligation than to preserve it as such for future generations?

Membership in our Fraternity is a recognized privilege and not a right and when that is lost sight of, our Craft suffers. We welcome the petitions of good men always, but are we discharging our trust if we only acquire members and refuse to make those members good Masons. The action of some lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction bids me extend a word of caution to you all so we may not experience a condition similar to that which followed World War 1.

NOVA SCOTIA. Granl Master. 1947

Conduct. In the conduct of lodge meetings, there is much room for improvement. I will mention improper procedure, mispronunciation, haphazard floor work, misinterpretation of ritual, signs wrongly given, indifferent examination of candidates, but worst of all, unmerited congratulations are tendered, when censure should be in order. This is not general, but few are perfect. In some cases well meaning officers follow precedent, believing it to be correct. Bulletins are constantly being sent out from the Grand Secretary's office, entailing much extra work, with a view to instructing the lodges. Many secretaries are co-operating faithfully but some are indifferent, and others just "plain stubborn." I bespeak your co-operation and the Grand Secretary deserves it.

Ritual. About forty years ago Grand Lodge authorized a certain ritual to be used in this jurisdiction but did not enforce it, leaving the lodges to adopt it at their convenience. Some lodges have done so. The jurisdiction is flooded with unauthorized exposures, a dozen different conflicting rituals are in use, and now is the time for a change. A Grand Lecturer cannot cope with such a situation. The change is not drastic. The Grand Secretary has the authorized ritual.

Concordant Degrees. Recently I have heard disparaging aspersions cast on the Craft degrees by ruling officers of concordant orders, thereby alienating younger members who vainly seek to glorify themselves with further degrees, which are mere adjuncts to the original plan of Masonry, and just here I wish to correct an erroneous impression.

The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge have jurisdiction over all Masons resident in Nova Scotia whether they are members of our lodges or of lodges outside the province or have been suspended or have demitted from their lodge. Other concordant bodies are composed of brethren selected by them from the larger group, upon whom they confer degrees which amplify the teachings of the three Craft degrees. Suspension of a member in his Craft Lodge means normally automatic suspension in all other concordant Masonic bodies of which he is a member. The Sovereign Grand Commander and the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, the Supreme Grand Master, and Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Knights Templar and the other Grand Chapters, Grand Councils and other governing bodies, govern only those who belong to their obedience and exercise no authority or control over members of Craft lodges. Therefore let every Master residing within this Grand jurisdiction forever remember that, regardless of his membership in other Masonic or non-Masonic bodies, he is subject to the penal jurisdiction of that lodge within whose boundaries he resides; and further that Symbolic Masonry, Blue Lodge Masonry, Ancient Craft Masonry, all synonymous terms and being that root or foundation of Masonry comprising the first three degrees, is the highest Masonic authority in the Province of Nova Scotia.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1947

THE STATE OF THE CRAFT

Freemasonry throughout the world is on the march. Wherever free men govern themselves and worship God in word and deed according to the dictates of their own consciences, there Freemasonry is growing apace. Never in its history has our Craft so abundantly shown its ability to survive oppression and even seeming destruction as in this very day. Less than three years ago Freemasonry had apparently been destroyed in every land of continental Europe except in Sweden and Switzerland. Today the lights have been rekindled around the altars of Masonic Lodges in Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Greece and Finland. In Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia, even where under Russian domination, our Masonic Brethren who survived long years of persecution are struggling valiantly to reform their Lodges. In war-weary and impoverished Britain there are today more Masons and more Masonic Lodges than ever before.

It does not surprise us that Freemasonry has survived these ordeals, for it rests on a foundation that is more enduring than time itself: the Brotherhood of Man, and the Fatherhood of God. But never in history have the lines been so clearly drawn that demarcate us from our foes. ''Brotherhood of Man'' has no meaning where there is no Democracy. Freemasonry therefore exists only where the rights of the individual are guaranteed by a Democratic government. More than that: Freemasons have ever been the champions of Democracy; therefore Freemasonry has been and still is the first target of those who seek to destroy Democracy. It is a significant fact that the only lands where there is no known organized Freemasonry today are the dictator-ridden countries: Russia, Spain and Portugal.

Faith and trust in God are required of every Freemason, and that faith and trust call for the practice of such fundemental virtues as truth, honesty and fair dealing. Yet we are faced in the world today by an ideology that denies God; an ideology that seeks to destroy religion, and while paying lip-service to human Brotherhood, subjects many millions to a slavery more brutal than the world has known. Invoking the pernicious doctrine that the end justifies the means, that ideology uses slander, lies, theft and murder to achieve its purposes and thus debases all who embrace its cause. On every count, then, the greatest enemy of Freemasonry today is Soviet Russia.

Nor should we forget that there is a Church that would regiment our worship. We Americans pride ourselves on our religious tolerance. Yet this very month on American soil I have encountered this piece of gross intolerance: In Puerto

Rico the Catholic Church, when it sells certain properties, binds the purchaser by a clause in the deed to prevent the erection on that ground of a church of any other denomination or of a Masonic building.

Yes, Freemasons today are more generally conscious of the principles for which they stand and are more interested and active in the propagation and support of those principles than ever before. Therein lies the greatest stimulus for the growth of Freemasonry, not merely in numbers, but in the quality of its membership. Not only are there increasingly more Masons in the world today, but they are better Masons.

We in Pennsylvania have shared in this resurgence of Freemasonry. The number of our members as of this date is probably close to 210,000, or within 5,000 of our ertswhile maximum, and if the present trend continues, then during 1948 our membership will reach an all-time high. What is much more important, the attendance at Lodge meetings is increasing. That means that members are more interested: because they are better Masons, they go to Lodge oftener.

But I also wish to stress the converse of that proposition. If we attend our Lodge meetings regularly, we will be better Masons. This matter of going to Lodge reminds me of the comparable matter of going to church or synagogue. You have all heard men say: "I can be just as good a Christian, I can be just as good a Jew, without going to religious services." That is only a half truth. It is indeed possible that one be a good man without such formal religious observance, but it is also true that one will be a better man by regular attendance on Divine Worship.

We often fail to realize how greatly human achievement is limited by human frailty. We speak glibly of something being etched or graven on our memory, as though memory were a metal disc that permanently retained such impressions. Yet how far that is from the truth. Memory is much more like a wax cylinder, and pretty soft wax at that, which may be of fair quality at first but certainly deteriorates with the years. The impression, the concept, which today is crisp and clear, tends to blur and vanish all too soon. Moreover, the wax cylinder of memory has a size that for each one of us is strictly limited. Therefore, new impressions tend to crowd and obscure old ones. There was a celebrated ichthyologist, an expert on fishes, who probably knew more about the finny tribe than any other man alive. He used to say, "I hate to meet new people, because for each one whose name I try to remember I forget the name of another fish."

Brethren, the things that today seem so clear, so worthwhile to us, those principles and virtues that seem so self-evident, will slowly lose their incisive clarity if their lines are not periodically retraced. They will fade quickly if we let less worthy influences impinge excessivly on our hearts and minds. We need the frequent renewal of those desirable impressions, we need an ever-recurring inspiration and strengthening of character and resolve in order to keep most of us at our best. Therefore, let us become better men by going regularly to divine service. Let us be better Masons by going regularly to Lodge.

If one analyzes the attendance records of our Lodges, these two things are at once evident: (1) The percentage of members attending is higher in small than in large Lodges. (2) In every Lodge, large or small, those who have served as officers, elective or appointed, attend more regularly than do the rest of the members. I need not stress the fact that the larger a Lodge becomes, the more does it defeat its fundamental purpose of promoting a personal, a friendly, a brotherly relationship between its members. But in the small Lodge, not only does every member know each other, but a much greater percentage of members can hope to serve as Lodge Officers, and thereby be made so much the better Masons.

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1947

Like my predecessor, I must give timely warning that the Constituent Lodges through their proper Committees give careful scrutiny of every application for initiation and I would strongly urge the Constituent Lodges not to endeavor to initiate too many young men during a Masonic year, but rather to devote more time to those whom they do initiate in instruction and dissemination of the true merits of our Order.

On examination of the membership roll of many of the Lodges, I find that their membership is increasing to such a point that I am satisfied proper attention and instruction cannot be given to the newly initiated and as these Lodges grow in membership, it tends to decrease the personal contacts of the individual members, thus preventing a real fellowship in the Lodge.

I am strongly of the opinion that too large a number of members in any Lodge is not in the interest of the Craft and I am pleased to note that during the past year three of the Lodges have realized this. Under dispensation four new lodges were formed, sponsored by these Lodges which have a large membership. I will refer more particularly later in my address to these new Lodges.

OHIO. Grand Master. 1947

NEW LODGES

My Brethren, fifty years ago, in 1897, Ohio Masonry comprised 498 Lodges and 41,713 members, or an average of 84 members per Lodge.

Today we have 231,500 members and only 625 Lodges, or an average of 370 members per Lodge. In other words, our membership has increased five and one-half times, while the number of Lodges has been increased by only one fourth.

Obviously the percentage of membership which may take an active part in our Lodges today is greatly reduced over the opportunities of the nineteenth century. This may account in part for the phenomenal twentieth-century growth of subsidiary Masonic organizations.

Annual Inspection reports show the average attendance in larger Lodges falling below 10 per cent, while in smaller Lodges it is often times reported in excess of 30 per cent. This differential is, of course, not entirely due to the difference in size, but it would appear obvious that Ohio Freemasonry would be better off with a greater number of Lodges.

There are many new populous communities in the State which either do not have Lodges at all or are served by a single, already oversized Lodge. This matter has been discussed in previous Communications of this Grand Lodge, and I mention it again now as being a proper subject for much further serious thought. We need new Lodges, many of them.

SASKATCHEWAN. Committee on Condition of Masonry. 1947

Membership Meetings, and Attendance. Again a substantial increase in membership is recorded, details concerning which have been disclosed to you today by the Grand Secretary. The statistical information furnished by the Secretaries of the 202 Constituent Lodges, including three Lodges U.D., indicate an increase of 603 in the number of resident members from 8,670 reported in 1945 to 9,273 as at the end of 1946, while the number of meetings held increased by 135. Seven City Lodges and 8 Non-City Lodges that have acquired comparatively large memberships are listed in the appendix, as well as the names of the Lodges which led in the number of meetings held by individual Lodges.

A record number of emergent meetings were called during 1946—particularly by the larger lodges—totalling 882, or 108 more than during the previous year. It is evident that these Lodges of Emergency were held mainly for the purpose of conferring degrees. The reports contain only meagre reference to such matters as Masonic Education, interlodge visits, and social activities other than at the festive board following Lodge meetings; furthermore, the percentage of the resident membership attending the regular meetings on an average basis was in the case of a number of Lodges regrettably small. The following questions, therefore, might well be asked:

Why did so many resident members fail to attend?

Why were there not more interlodge visits?

Why was not more time devoted to Masonic Education?

The answer to each of these questions might be that many Lodges have allotted a major portion of their meetings to the conferring of degrees, thereby neglecting other important activities. This practice, if persisted in too often and for too long periods, is apt to adversely affect attendance for the very good reason that constant repetition of the ritual may become extremely wearisome to members who take no part in the ceremonies; moreover, the absence of special and interesting Masonic teaching and fellowship may create a danger of disappointment, especially among the younger brethren, resulting in their entire loss to the Craft. The glory of our fraternity is not in numerical strength, but rather in quality of life and service. No Lodge, therefore, in the opinion of your Committee, should permit interference with the provision and maintenance of such facilities as it can provide for the enlightenment, happiness and usefulness of its members in the light of their duty as citizens and as Masons.

The usual Honor Roll of Lodges with outstanding attendance records for the year 1946 is included in the appendix to this report.

When reviewing any reference in this report to Lodges and Districts featured prominently because of standing or accomplishment, your Committee suggests that the reader ponder the thought contained in the following quotation from Alexander Pope's "Essay on Man:"

> "In parts superior what advantage lies?
> Tell (for you can) what is it to be wise?
> 'Tis but to know how little can be known;
> To see all other's faults, and feel our own."

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CALIFORNIA. Committee on Policy and General Purposes

REFUSAL TO INVESTIGATE

The resolution relates to the failure of a member to act when appointed upon an Investigation Committee and asking Grand Lodge to declare such neglect or refusal, with certain excusable circumstances to constitute Unmasonic conduct.

Grand Lodge has been often criticized for burdening the Craft with much legislation and for interfering unjustifiably in the internal affairs of constituent Lodges.

The Committee was of the opinion that the proposed legislation is objectionable from either of the forgoing standpoints. Every Master of a Lodge has it within his power and authority to enforce any order necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of the Lodge, and legislation upon the subject is unnecessary.

FLORIDA. Grand Master. 1947

File 9. Orange Lodge No. 36. Q. Is it permissible to raise twin brothers at the same time with two separate teams?—A. No.

File 10. St. Johns Lodge No. 37. Q. The W. M. wished confirmation as to wearing aprons at funerals other than those opened and conducted by a regular Blue Lodge. He had refused to allow aprons to be worn at a funeral conducted by an appendant order—A. Informed him he acted correctly; aprons can only be worn when regular Lodge conducts funeral.

File 16. Harmonia Lodge No. 138. Q. (1) Can Lodges require petitioner to submit recent photograph?—A. No.

IDAHO. Grand Master. 1947

2. Q. A lady dies, leaving to the Eastern Star the sum of $500.00. They purchased a bond with the $500.00, and with the interest they want to have a plaque of some nature, and want it placed somewhere on the Masonic Altar.

A. I know of no law governing this particular case, but you are aware nothing except the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses are placed on top of our Altars. I have seen and have one particular Altar in mind which has both Masonic and Eastern Star emblems on its sides. If this is what the Eastern Star Chapter has in mind, I can see no harm in it. But I would suggest the Master ascertain before giving his consent.

IOWA. Grand Master. 1947

UNOFFICIAL OPINIONS

Under date of July 19, 1946, I received a communication from Franklin Lodge No. 14, at Bloomfield, Iowa, advising me that during the week beginning August 10, the Chamber of Commerce of that city was sponsoring a celebration in observance of the Iowa Centennial. The question presented was whether or not, Franklin Lodge, as such, could put on a window display in one of the stores in the city and whether or not the display should include the Charter. My opinion was that it would be proper for the lodge to make up a window display if they desired, but that, in my opinion, the Charter should remain in the lodge room.

Under date of April 18, 1947, I received a communication from Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 at Spencer, Iowa, in which the following question was posed:

"If a candidate objects to removing a ring because of marriage vows, are we at liberty to accede to his wishes?"

I replied that in my opinion this was a matter for the Master of the lodge to determine. I feel that if the candidate is sincere in his objections then it might well be considered that the ring is not metal "of a movable nature." Certainly the objection, if sincerely made, should not disqualify the candidate from proceeding with the initiation. The symbolic purpose of removal of "all metals of a movable nature" is served without insistence on removal of the ring.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1947

Question asked: A brother of a lodge wrote a letter of resignation upon being traced by the Lodge for his delinquent dues, a member of the lodge upon hearing the letter read moved that the brother be dropped from the rolls of the Lodge for renouncing Masonry. The minutes of the Lodge showed that the motion was put and carried by the Lodge. This happened several years ago. The brother recently asked to be reinstated since he is now in better financial condition, and upon looking up his record the Lodge found he had been suspended for renouncing Masonry. This was questioned by some members of the Lodge, and the whole file sent to me for a ruling. After reviewing all the available files of the Lodge files and minutes.

I ruled as follows: The reason for the resignation should have been carefully investigated, as this brother may have been in financial distress at the time of his resignation. He may have needed the Lodge's help and had too much pride to ask for it, and instead resigned from the fraternity because he could not pay his dues. The lodge took snap judgment by accepting the motion that the brother be dropped because he renounced Masonry. This is a serious charge, if it is not true, because this man could never get back into the fraternity under our law if he actually renounced Masonry.

None of the letters presented to me mentioned anything about renouncing Masonry; therefore, I ruled that it was not his intent at the time to renounce Masonry. This brother has been reinstated in his lodge and at this moment is in good standing.

MISSISSIPPI. Committee on Law and Jurisprudence. 1947

Question: Please advise whether or not it is permitted to receive an Indian into a Masonic Lodge in Mississippi.

Answer: Yes. If you will read Digest of Laws, Revised 1946, by Dr. J. Rice Williams at pages 15 through 18 and the Rules and Regulations relating to subordinate lodges. Section 8, page 109 of said Digest you will find the indispensable qualifications of a candidate for initiation into Masonry. There is nothing to prevent an Indian from being initiated, passed and raised if his application is acted upon in the manner required by the constitution, laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and if he has all of the indispensable requirements to be a Mason. If the members of the local lodge to which the individual's application is presented with proper recommendation are satisfied and so vote in due form, and the applicant meets all of the regular requirements pointed out in the rules and regulations referred to above, then the mere fact that the applicant is an Indian will not prevent his being made a Mason.

Indeed, it is recalled that our late Past Grand Master, John R. Tally, was proud of the fact that he was of Choctaw lineage and if precedent is required, the fact that he was of Indian blood is sufficient.

Question 2: A young man of excellent character and entirely worthy, made application for the three degrees. After investigation the Committee reported favorably. He was duly elected. When he presented himself for initiation, it was found that he was hard of hearing, but was able to hear by the use of mechanical device, or an artificial hearing device. With the aid of this artificial device he is able to hear words spoken in a low tone, but without the device he was unable to hear ordinary conversation. Can he be initiated, passed and raised?

Answer: Yes. See Section 8, Rules and Regulations, page 109, Williams Digest, covering indispensable qualifications of a candidate, wherein it is provided that the candidate "must be able to conform . . . not having been deprived of either the sense of hearing, seeing or feeling." See also page 17, Williams Digest 1943, which provides as follows:

> "One who is maimed by the loss of a member which is supplied by mechanical art of such degree as to enable him to conform to the requirements of the ritual may be initiated, passed and raised. One deprived of the sense of hearing, seeing or feeling cannot be made a Mason."

We are of opinion that under the facts stated by you, this young man is entitled to receive the three degrees, because the partial loss of the sense of hearing is supplied by means of mechanical art that makes him capable of complying with the ritual and with hearing that which he is required to hear.

Question 5: Please advise if "he must be freeborn" as in Section 8, page 109, 1938 Digest, Rules and Regulations (same as 1943 Digest), has been ruled to mean—born out of slavery or bondage as D.D.G.L. advises us? Or if Digest of Laws, page 14, "No bastard can be made a mason unless parents were married" has been amended or changed?

Answer: The answer is Yes, the D.D.G.L., is correct. If you will read the Digest, revised 1943, by Dr. J. Rice Williams, you will find therein no reference to "bastard." For the past several years prior to the death of late Past Grand Master John R. Tally, there was considerable discussion and correspondence back and forth between Dr. Williams, Brother Tally, Brother J. R. Hamilton and your present Chairman, on this subject. Dr. Williams and your Committee have searched throughout all of the old books, land marks and records and we find no law in Masonry in Mississippi, Grand Jurisdiction, that prohibits or prevents a bastard, simply because he is a bastard, from being a Freemason.

We do not know of anything in our laws, rules or regulations that prohibits or prevents a bastard from being made a Mason. That which appeared at page 14 of the 1938 Digest was an error, and Dr. Williams having discovered the error left it out of the 1943 Digest.

If the person has all of the indispensable qualifications set forth in Section 8 of the Rules and Regulations, then he is qualified, and it is entirely up to the Local Lodge, under the usual mode of balloting, after investigation, to determine whether or not they desire to accept the man as a Brother, and the action of the Local Lodge is final in that regard.

MISSOURI. Grand Master. 1947

While the Acting Worshipful Master of a Lodge must use the word "swear" a candidate who objects to the use of that word may substitute the word "affirm", and such an answer shall be acceptable to the Lodge, both at the time of receiving degrees and in the proficiency lectures.

(A) When a brother transfers his membership by a certificate of Good Standing, the demitting Lodge must remit to the receiving Lodge the pro-rata of unearned dues from the date of the demit.

(B) When dues in the receiving Lodge are higher, the petitioner must pay the difference from the date of the demit to the end of the year.

(C) When the dues in the receiving Lodge are lower the petitioner is entitled to credit for the excess so paid to the receiving Lodge.

NEW ZEALAND. Board of General Purposes. 1946

PROPOSITIONS, ENQUIRIES AND OBJECTIONS

The Board draws the attention of Masters, members of Lodge Investigation Committees, and others concerned to certain features of their duties in connection with the proposition of candidates.

When informing newly raised Master Masons of their privileges and duties, Masters should carefully guard against unwittingly leading them to form the impression that they should seek candidates. To assist Masters the following is suggested as a suitable wording for the advice given in respect of the proposal of candidates:—

> "You are now entitled to all the privileges of membership of this Lodge. There is one privilege, however, which you must be most careful about using. That is the proposing or seconding of candidates. You must never solicit your friends to join, but if any person intimates to you his wish to join, and you consider him suitable, the best course is to intimate that fact to the Master of the Lodge, who will be able to advise you, and who will take steps to ascertain whether the applicant is considered suitable for the Craft, and acceptable to the members of the Lodge."

Rule 144 of the Book of Constitution casts a positive duty upon the Master, Wardens and Investigation Committee of the Lodge to investigate the moral character and qualification of candidates. Such brethren must pursue active enquiries and not be satisfied merely because they know nothing against the candidate. A candidate is seeking a privilege and it is not sufficient to say that nothing is known against him. Sufficient positive evidence must be obtained to prove that he is worthy of the privilege he seeks.

Objections can be divided into two classes:

(1) Those received from any source other than members of the Lodge concerned.

(2) Those received from such members.

In the case of objections of the former class the Committee should not report until it has fully probed the matter.

If, however, a member of the Lodge acts upon the suggestion in Rule 144 that he should intimate in confidence that he entertains such an objection as would cause him to use the black ball in the event of a ballot being taken, the Master cannot insist upon the objector giving his reasons if he does not wish to disclose them. A member is entitled, if he so wishes, to blackball without any intimation and without any test but his own conscience, and having foregone part of his rights by mentioning confidentially his objection, he does not thereby lose any other rights and should not be pressed to give reasons.

The only reason why it is suggested in Rule 144 that a confidential mention of his objection should be made by a member is to give the proposer an opportunity of avoiding the blackballing of his candidate by withdrawing the proposal and any such confidence must not be used for any other purpose.

Rule 144 makes it clear that the proposer of a candidate has the right to withdraw the proposal if he thinks fit, and it is not necessary (as is sometimes thought) for the proposer to obtain the consent of the candidate to the withdrawal of his name.

Any brother should of course exercise the greatest care in objecting to candidates, and should be quite clear in his own mind that his reasons are not frivolous or unworthy.

Masters must scrupulously respect the confidential nature of the communications made, and must not on any account (except with the voluntary consent of the objector) disclose the slightest clue to the identity of the objector, even to his own Wardens or other members of the Investigation Committee.

FORMULA "THE LODGE IS AT EASE" NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR "CALLING OFF"

When the Master of a Lodge uses the formula "Brethren the Lodge is at ease," or any other formula having a similar intention, this is not a substitute for ''calling off'' or any other authorised ceremonial. It simply means that for the time being the brethren may relax from close attention to the business of the Lodge. The Lodge remains open and should remain "duly formed" and "close tyled." The usual courtesies to the Chair should be observed. No Brother should leave the Lodge Room without the Master's permission and re-admission must be by report.

PAST MASTERS' NIGHT

There should be no temporary surrender of Collars and Jewels by the regular officers of a Lodge to Past Masters at Past Masters' Night, with one exception, i.e., the Immediate Past Master's Collar and Jewel may be worn by the Past Master who is about to preside.

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master. 1947

I recommend that the first paragraph of Section 59, page 74, of the Uniform Code be amended by addition of the following: "Provided, That if a lodge issues a dimit during the last quarter of the year, it shall pay the per capita tax to the Grand Lodge for that year."

I am making this recommendation for the reason that it has come to my notice that our lodges issue an unusual number of dimits in the month of December. In such cases the lodge collects the full year's dues, and by issuing a dimit in the month of December the member is taken off the membership roll. Thereby no Grand Lodge dues are paid by any lodge on such dimitted member, for the reason that it would not be possible for him to affiliate with another lodge before the first of the following year.

I refused to grant a special dispensation to Guthrie Lodge No. 35 to obligate twins at the same time, the father desiring to confer the degree on his sons together.

OREGON. Grand Master. 1947

A Lodge requested a ruling on the right to limit the number of petitions read at any stated meeting. I made the following ruling:

A resolution limiting the number of petitions that may be received by a Lodge at any stated communication may be adopted in the following manner: The proposed resolution must be submitted in triplicate copy at a stated communication, after which it shall be submitted to a vote of the Lodge, and if a majority of the members present are favorable to the proposed resolution it shall be declared adopted.

Mr. Alvin Lyman petitioned St. Johns Lodge No. 17 for the degrees and was elected to receive them. In the preparation room it was discovered that one foot had been amputated above the ankle but he did not so state in his petition. St. Johns Lodge conferred the E.A. degree on him and then asked for a special dispensation to confer that degree, together with the F.C. and M.M. degrees.

I decided that he had not told the truth in his petition and refused to grant the dispensations and ordered no more degrees be conferred and the fee be returned.

Mr. Rex Roland Ryan petitioned St. Johns Lodge No. 17 for the degrees and stated that he was maimed. Notwithstanding this fact St. Johns Lodge No. 17 conferred the E.A. degree on him and then asked for a special dispensation to confer the E.A. degree and also the F.C. and M.M. degrees.

I decided that the Lodge erred in conferring the E.A. degree knowing that he was maimed and refused the dispensation and ordered that no more degrees be conferred and the fee be returned.

CANDIDATES LECTURE FOR M.M. DEGREES

Many of our Lodges are finding considerable difficulty in getting those raised to complete the work in the M.M. lecture within the period of six months after the candidate has been raised. The newly raised M.M. is given a receipt for dues good for six months, and after that period has elapsed sends in his yearly dues even though he has not taken his examination. Many secretaries issue dues cards and the man never completes his lecture. The Code provides no penalty so far as I have been able to determine, so whenever a secretary has asked how to handle such cases I have instructed the secretary to notify such members to appear within a certain number of days or be dropped for not completing his work. Some such members have petitioned the so-called higher degrees.

I feel that the Jurisdiction Committee should consider this problem and either recommend a new section for the Code or give a decision which will make it clear to the Lodges how to proceed in such cases.

ILLINOIS. Grand Master. 1947

Mount Carmel Lodge No. 239, A.F. & A.M. Question on resolution of Lodge to move from the third floor to the second floor.

Ballot Cast 27 "yes" votes
Ballot Cast 26 "no" votes

However, one of the "yes" ballots had a notaton on same ''or put in an elevator'' which caused the matter to be referred to this office for a decision. I ruled that the "yes" ballot with the additional notation be counted as a "yes" ballot and therefore the motion prevails.

MONTANA. Grand Master. 1947

1. January 8, 1947, advised Chinook Lodge No. 50 that it could receive the petition of a clerk in a Safeway Grocery Store although the store was handling beer in bottles, not for consumption on the premises.

2. March 18, 1947, I advised Morning Star Lodge No. 5 of Helena that it was lawful for them to receive the petition of a young man under the age of 21 in order that the father might confer the First Degree on his son the night of the boy's 21st birthday. The Code merely states that no degree can be conferred on a candidate who has not reached the age of 21 years.

4. June 13, 1947. Chinook Lodge No. 15 received the petition of Raymond Oswald, who had married a Chinook girl and his Navy papers showed he had listed Chinook, Montana, as his home. However, before the petition was voted on, he returned to his Naval Station at Oakland, California, accompanied by his wife and child. The question was, "Has he lost his residence in Montana?" I replied as follows: "If Mr. Oswald had been in Montana one year and maintained his family in Chinook six months immediately preceding and at the time his petition was read in open Lodge, it is my opinion that it would be legal under Masonic Law for your Lodge to vote upon such petition."

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that legislation be enacted to prohibit the wearing of any garb or uniform distinctive of any other organization during the conferring of degrees. In conferring degrees attention should be centered on the candidate and the candidate should be allowed to concentrate on the work of the degree. I do not think it is proper for any organization to "advertise" during the conferring of degrees. Other Grand Jurisdictions have found it necessary to legislate against this practice.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1947

Nullified the action of Lodge No. 507 in electing a Worshipful Master contrary to Article XVII, Section 10, of the Ahiman Rezon and Decision No. 516, Digest of Decisions, and declared the station of Worshipful Master vacant. Directed that the Senior Warden assume the Station of Acting Worshipful Master, the Junior Warden assume the Station of Acting Senior Warden, and an Acting Junior Warden be appointed at each meeting.

Nullified the action of Lodge No. 71 in balloting upon the petition of M. O. for the reason that there were not sufficient balls (both black and white) in the ballot box, to enable the members to vote in a lawful manner.

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1947

Has a member the right to make objection against a candidate who has been balloted upon, if he is not a member of the lodge having jurisdiction over the candidate?

Answer: No, it is my understanding that only members of the lodge having jurisdiction can object.

Should a Masonic Lodge allow the Eastern Star to hold parties in their dining room provided that Beano games are to be conducted?

Answer: No, all games of chance are strictly prohibited.

If the presiding officer omits a portion of the Obligation should the candidate be re-obligated?

Answer: Yes, no one is a member of the fraternity unless he has taken and accepted the complete obligation of each degree.

Can a blind man become a Mason?

Answer: Not at the present time, under our regulations.

Can a man with loss of one hand, but using an artificial one, become a Mason?

Answer: Yes, provided he can receive and give the grips.

Can a man who stutters so badly that it would be impossible for him to repeat the obligation join the Masons?

Answer: Yes, provided he gives accent to all the promises and penalties contained in the obligations.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1947

I recommend that our petition for degrees be changed by adding the words, "I hereby agree that I will not petition any other body of Masonry for degrees for a period of six months after receiving my Master Mason Degree or until such time as I have passed a satisfactory examination in the Master Mason Degree."

WEST VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1946

An opinion was requested by one of our Lodges as to the propriety of its sponsoring a movement to raise money by subscription from other Lodges to repair a historic tree in one of our State Parks. It was held that such an action on the part of a Lodge would be a deviation from the established usages and customs of the Fraternity.

A candidate who had received the Entered Apprentice Degree had the misfortune to lose a leg before advancing to the Degree of Fellowcraft. It was held that his misfortune disqualified him, under Regulation 35, General Laws, from advancing further in the Mysteries of Freemasonry.

One of our Lodges was requested to appoint one of its members to represent it on a General Committee sponsoring a Memorial to the men and women of the country, who served their country in time of war. It was the opinion of the Lodge that it could contribute financially toward the Memorial, but there was considerable doubt as to the propriety of the Lodge's appointing one of its members to represent it on an outside organization and being identified as a part thereof. It was held that it would be a deviation from the established customs and usages of the Fraternity for the Lodge, as such, either to contribute financially to the establishment of the Memorial, or to appoint a member of the Lodge to serve on the Memorial Committee. However, the opinion was not to be construed to mean that members of the Fraternity might not, as individuals, contribute to the movement or serve on committees promoting the project.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1947

A brother desired authority to have a group of Job's Daughters use the following statement on printed cards:

"Baby Sitters Bureau
For Masonic Families"

Ruled that the word "Masonic" was being used for commercial gain by individuals or outside organizations, Authority denied.

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On receipt of this copy the Master will arrange to have such portions of the Address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, as he may desire, read at the first Regular Meeting of the Lodge thereafter. He should also arrange for the reading of the reports, or extracts therefrom, of the Standing Committees, at subsequent Meetings.

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION OF RICE LAKE LODGE No. 157, G.R.M.

At the Town of Bissett, on Saturday, the Third day of July, 1948, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was convened for the purpose of Consecrating and Constituting the above named Lodge.

After the Lodge had been opened in the Master Mason Degree, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and his Officers entered the Lodge and the Grand Master was invited to the East, and assume the gavel.

With the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, there were present:

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole	Senior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, I.P.G.M.	as Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman	G.D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Clarence Hyde	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Mitchell Cobban	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. M. Sinclair	Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe	as Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat	Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions	Grand Tyler

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, as Acting District Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Officers and members of Rice Lake Lodge U.D. presented a request to the Grand Master for the ceremony of Consecration and Constitution of the

Lodge, as a regular Chartered Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master indicated his willingness to proceed with the ceremony.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies was requested to retire accompanied by the Ark Bearers, with the Deputy Grand Master as bearer of the Vessel of Corn, the Senior Grand Warden as bearer of the Vessel of Wine and the Junior Grand Warden as the bearer of the Vessel of Oil, to bring in the symbols of Consecration, and in a very impressive and dignified ceremony, Rice Lake Lodge No. 157 was Consecrated and Constituted.

The symbols were then removed and W. Bro. Frank Ralph Sutton was installed as Master of the Lodge, and the following Officers were invested in their respective offices:

Bro. Walter George Dack	Senior Warden
Bro. Hugh Whiteford Scott	Junior Warden
Bro. James Alexander Allardyce	Treasurer
Bro. George Henry Lucas	Secretary
Bro. Franklin Roy DuVal	Chaplain
Bro. Herbert Clark	Senior Deacon
Bro. Donald James Currie	Junior Deacon
By Proxy—Bro. Alexander Malcom Reid.	
Bro. Edward Austin Fults	Senior Steward
Bro. Everett Clayton Perry	Junior Steward
Bro. Clarence Fowler Caswell	Inner Guard
By Proxy—Bro. Arthur Martin Branson.	
Bro. Charles Paige McDonald	Tyler

The newly installed Master thanked the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers for the very beautiful ceremony of Consecration and Constitution and the Lodge was closed severally in the Master Mason, Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Degrees.

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

M.W. BRO. WALTER C. McDONALD
Grand Master, 1948-1949

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION OF NEWDALE LODGE No. 159, G.R.M.

At the Town of Newdale, on Thursday, the Eighth day of July, 1948, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was convened for the purpose of Consecrating and Constituting the above named Lodge, at the hour of 8.00 o'clock in the afternoon.

After the Lodge had been opened by the Master of Newdale Lodge, W. Bro. James McKerlie Sinclair, severally in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Walter Clifton McDonald and the Grand Lodge Officers then entered the Lodge Room and were welcomed. The Most Worshipful Grand Master was invited to the East and assume the gavel.

With the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, there were present, the following Grand Lodge Officers.

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro Charles E. Cole	Senior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson	as Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman	G.D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat	Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions	Grand Tyler

R.W. Bro. Andrew D. Russell, the District Deputy Grand Master, presented a request to the Grand Master for the ceremony of Consecration and Constitution of the Lodge, as a regular Chartered Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master signified his willingness to proceed with the ceremony.

The Charter was then read and the Grand Director of Ceremonies was requested to retire, accompanied by the Ark Bearers, with the Deputy Grand Master as bearer of the Vessel of Corn, the Senior Grand Warden as bearer of the Vessel of Wine and the Junior Grand Warden as the bearer of the Vessel of Oil, to bring in the instruments of Consecration and in a very impressive and dignified ceremony, Newdale Lodge No. 159 was Consecrated and Constituted.

The symbols were then removed, and W. Bro. James McKerlie Sinclair was then installed in full form and the following Officers were invested in their respective offices:

W. Bro. James McKerlie Sinclair	Master
W. Bro. Thomas William McLean By Proxy—Bro. Herbert W. Clark.	Im. Past Master
Bro. Sherman Hilton Dayton	Senior Warden
W. Bro. Charles George Daum	Junior Warden
Bro. Joseph Morris Lavery	Treasurer
Bro. Rendall Gordon Brown	Secretary
Bro. Carl Russel Bradley By Proxy—Bro. Harold Mayhew.	Senior Deacon
Bro. John Shina Reid	Junior Deacon
Bro. Henry S. M. Rungay	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Robert Mutch	Senior Steward
Bro. William Percy Everitt	Junior Steward
Bro. Clarence Wm. McCallum	Organist
Bro. Cecil John Nield	Inner Guard
Bro. James Percy Coutts	Tyler

Newdale Lodge No. 159 was than closed by the newly installed Master and his Officers severally in the Master Mason, Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Degrees.

A delightful banquet was then served in the Community Hall in Newdale.

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION OF FENWICK LODGE No. 158, G.R.M.

In the City of Brandon, on Friday, the Ninth day of July, 1948, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was convened for the purpose of Consecrating and Constituting the above named Lodge at the hour of 8.00 o'clock in the afternoon.

After the Lodge had been opened by the Master of Fenwick Lodge, M.W. Bro. Maurice Stanton Donovan, severally in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees, the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Walter Clifton McDonald and the Grand Lodge Officers then entered the Lodge Room and were welcomed. The Most Worshipful Grand Master was invited to the East and assume the gavel.

With the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, there were present the following Grand Lodge Officers:

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole	Senior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson	as Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman	G.D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Clarence Hyde	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. James M. Sinclair	Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat	Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions	Grand Tyler

R.W. Bro. J. W. Broatch, the District Deputy Grand Master, presented a request to the Grand Master for the Ceremony of Consecration and Constitution of the Lodge, as a regularly Chartered Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master signified his willingness to proceed with the Ceremony.

The Charter was then read and the Grand Director of Ceremonies was requested to retire, accompanied by the Ark Bearers, with the Deputy Grand Master as bearer of the Vessel of Corn, the Senior Grand Warden as bearer of the Vessel of Wine, and the Junior Grand Warden as the bearer of the Vessel of Oil, to bring in the symbols of Consecration and in a very impressive and dignified ceremony, Fenwick Lodge No. 158 was Consecrated and Constituted.

The symbols were then removed and M.W. Bro. Maurice Stanton Donovan was then installed in full form and the following Officers were invested in their respective offices:

M.W. Bro. Maurice Stanton Donovan	Master
R.W. Bro. James Robert Reid	Im. Past Master
Bro. Frederick Henry Young	Senior Warden
Bro. John Campbell Clee	Junior Warden
W. Bro. Frederick Clayton Courtice	Treasurer
Bro. Frank Meredith Offer	Secretary
R.W. Bro. William Albert Prugh	Chaplain
By Proxy—W. Bro. H. S. Perdue.	
Bro. William Alexander Wyborn	Senior Deacon
Bro. Roy Arnold Carruthers	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. Leslie Heath Mitchell	D. of Ceremonies
Bro. Howard S. Smith	Senior Steward
By Proxy—Bro. Henry Hunter Rungay.	
Bro. Hugh James McCullough	Junior Steward
By Proxy—Bro. Samuel Angus Chambers.	
R.W. Bro. William J. Dick	Organist
Bro. Archie Wilfred Olson	Inner Guard
Bro. Ernest Clifton Tatton	Tyler

Fenwick Lodge No. 158 was then closed by the newly Installed Master and his Officers severally in the Master Mason, Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Degrees.

A delightful informal banquet was then served to the visitors and members.

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

1948

On September 17th, 1948, in the Blue Room of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Winnipeg, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons met in Special Communication for the purpose of installing R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3) as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was opened at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon without form with thirty-six members in attendance: The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter Clifton McDonald, presiding:

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald (70), Roland	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), St. Vital	Im. Past Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), Winnipeg	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), Portage la Prairie	Senior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. Sam Burland (12), St. Vital	as Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), Winnipeg	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery (2), Selkirk	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4), Winnipeg	G.D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. J. Clarence Hyde (7), Portage la Prairie	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Mitchell Cobban (25), Winnipeg	Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson (106), Strathclair	as Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), Winnipeg	as Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Ben. Warkentin (112), Beausejour	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), Winnipeg	Grand Pursuivant

V.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), Winnipeg.......Grand Tyler
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3)
M.W. Bro. N. J. Black (3)
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130)
M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4)
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate (50)
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R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2)
R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters (25)
R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)....D.D.G.M. First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11).D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District
R.W. Bro. G. E. Cox (13), ...D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Jas. McDole (86),.....D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. J. Broatch (19), D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover (70), ..D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. A.E. Weidman (143) D.D.G.M.Twelfth Masonic District
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114)
W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin (24).

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman conducted the Junior Grand Warden Elect to the Altar. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, then, with fitting ceremony, invested R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes with the badge of Office and R.W. Bro. Innes was then escorted to the South.

The Grand Lodge was closed, without form, at 7.46 p.m.

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

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1949

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met in Annual Communication in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, in the City of Winnipeg, June 1st, 1949, and was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Walter Clifton McDonald, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald (70), Roland	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), Winnipeg	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), Portage la Prairie	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), Winnipeg	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (158), Brandon	as Acting Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery (2), Selkirk	Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg	Grand Historian
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), Winnipeg	Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Clarence Hyde (7), Portage la Prairie	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Mitchell Cobban (25), Winnipeg,	Junior Grand Deacon
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W. Bro. E. W. Armstrong
W. Bro. M. Ferguson

WINDSOR LODGE No. 138:

W. Bro. J. F. Orr .... W.M.
Bro. Jas. Burns .... S.W.
Bro. J. H. Wood ...... J.W.

M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
R.W. Bro. D. Griffith
V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure
V.W. Bro. Geo. Tait
W. Bro. T. C. Forbes
W. Bro. M. J. Horn
W. Bro. A. J. Horton
W. Bro. R. McClure
W. Bro. W. E. Munn
W. Bro. E. P. Tod

BEAVER LODGE NO. 139:

W. Bro. F. M. Bastin .... W.M.
Bro. M. S. Lougheed .. S.W.
Bro. G. M. Lardner ... J.W.

R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh
V.W. Bro. W. Lawson
V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat
W. Bro. F. H. Herbert
W. Bro. A. Wharton

MERIDIAN LODGE No. 140:

W. Bro. A. C. Cabel ..... W.M.
Bro. P. D. Strange .... S.W.
Bro. Jas. McKendry ... J.W.

M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd
R.W. Bro. Dave MacKay
W. Bro. A. R. Cossor
W. Bro. W. D. Harper
W. Bro. W. G. Kelsey
W. Bro. G. Kerslake
W. Bro. D. A. King
W. Bro. A. J. MacIver
W. Bro. D. Milliken
W. Bro. J. Mowat
W. Bro. J. M. Ross
W. Bro. M. A. Woods
W. Bro. A. T. Woolston

TUSCAN LODGE No. 141:

W. Bro. D. Rothstein .... W.M.
Bro. R. J. Harris ...... S.W.
Bro. E. L. Barr .... J.W.

R.W. Bro. H. H. Gray
V.W. Bro. N. Rothstein
W. Bro. J. J. Allan
W. Bro. T. Crossley
W. Bro. H. E. Harris
W. Bro. N. C. Law

HARMONY LODGE No. 142:

W. Bro. G. H. Dennison . W.M.
Bro. A. T. Russell .... S.W.
Bro. L. W. McTavish . J.W.

R.W. Bro. A. D. Russell

MT. SINAI LODGE No. 143:

Bro. G. M. Finkelman . J.W.

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
R.W. Bro. A. E. Weidman
W. Bro. F. B. Dubinsky
W. Bro. S. Golden
W. Bro. H. Guttman
W. Bro. I. Guttman
W. Bro. H. A. Kaplan
W. Bro. H. J. Nusgart
W. Bro. J. L. Rill

FORT OSBORNE LODGE No. 144:

W. Bro. C. L. Bagnall ... W.M.
Bro. J. O. Stebbing ... S.W.
Bro. G. Laidlaw ...... J.W.

W. Bro. G. Y. Cook
W. Bro. J. Reid Glenn
W. Bro. M. A. M. MacIver
W. Bro. F. W. Woodward

STURGEON CREEK LODGE No. 145:

W. Bro. S. Simpson .... W.M.
Bro. A. R. Laird ...... S.W.
Bro. E. Chivers .... J.W.

R.W. Bro. W. F. Kerby

FIDELITY LODGE No. 146:

W. Bro. G. H. Ross ...... W.M.
Bro. A. H. W. Cook ... J.W.

W. Bro. S. C. Swanton
W. Bro. Frank H. Williams

JUBILEE LODGE No. 147:

W. Bro. A. R. Sutherland W.M.

W. Bro. H. A. Caughlin

SEVEN OAKS LODGE No. 148:

W. Bro. W. J. T. Pearce . W.M.
Bro. J. J. Douglas .... S.W.
Bro. J. Smith .... J.W.

R.W. Bro. F. W. Brownell
W. Bro. John Alexander
W. Bro. A. Collicutt
W. Bro. J. Love
W. Bro. George Milne
W. Bro. A. C. Pritchard
W. Bro. E. J. Scott
W. Bro. J. Woodmass

CARTWRIGHT LODGE No. 150:

THE DORMER LODGE No. 151:

W. Bro. A. C. Keel ...... W.M.
Bro. S. Colville .... S.W.

R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross
R.W. Bro. H. Sherstone
V.W. Bro. S. R. Bird
W. Bro. J. Elder
W. Bro. A. E. Longstaff
W. Bro. E. Melhuish
W. Bro. Robt. Miller

FOXWARREN LODGE No. 152:

W. Bro. W. Lougheed ... W.M.

W. Bro. G. M. Graham
W. Bro. F. W. Tarrant

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153:

W. Bro. F. M. Duncan ... W.M.
Bro. P. B. Mann ..... S.W.

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154:

W. Bro. E. J. Kahle ..... W.M.
Bro. J. K. French ..... S.W.

W. Bro. B. H. Campbell
W. Bro. G. A. Stewart

CARMAN LODGE No. 155:

Bro. K. Gray .... J.W.

R.W. Bro. J. Millroy
W. Bro. M. Dorfman
W. Bro. N. B. Refvik
W. Bro. G. Weaver

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156:

R.W. Bro. D. Ferguson
W. Bro. W. A. L. Armstrong

RICE LAKE LODGE No. 157:

W. Bro. Frank R. Sutton

FENWICK LODGE No. 158:

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan

NEWDALE LODGE No. 159:

W. Bro. S. H. Dayton	W.M.
Bro. J. S. Reid	S.W.
Bro. J. M. Lavery	J.W.

Honorary Members:

M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton
M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford
M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman
M.W. Bro. C. M. Pollock

Visitors:

M.W. Bro. Albro C. Ayres
M.W. Bro. W. J. Hunter
M.W. Bro. R. R. Twamley
M.W. Bro. L. E. Anderson
M.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson
M.W. Bro. Wm. Henry
R.W. Bro. W. B. Congdon
R.W. Bro. Chas. Elliott
R.W. Bro. G. L. Paxman
R.W. Bro. John Candline
R.W. Bro. C. W. Moir
W. Bro. C. M. Norton
W. Bro. G. E. Bonine
W. Bro. G. R. Hunter
W. Bro. Martin L. Johnson
Bro. A. Bateman
Bro. N. Portis

All Master Masons desiring to enter Grand Lodge were then admitted and assigned to special seating accommodation provided for them in the Lodge Room.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, welcomed the members of Grand Lodge, Visitors and Master Masons.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) seconded by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), that the Agenda and Regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge, as printed, be adopted subject to the wishes of the Grand Master. Carried.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, requested that all brethren entering and leaving the Lodge, approach the Altar, give the necessary sign and retire quietly, and only between items of business.

Also, that all Motions be written out, forms for this purpose are available, and are to be found on the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens' pedestals.

READING OF MINUTES

It was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge as printed in the Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed.

READINGS OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), that the Minutes of the four Special Communications of Grand Lodge be taken as read and confirmed:

a. July 3rd, 1948—To Constitute Rice Lake Lodge No. 157 at Bissett.

b. July 8th, 1948—To Constitute Newdale Lodge No. 159 at Newdale.

c. July 9th, 1948—To Constitute Fenwick Lodge No. 158 at Brandon.

d. Sept. 17th, 1948—To Instal R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes as Junior Grand Warden.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) Acting for the Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for the Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and the Board of General Purposes; which report was seconded by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138):

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Junior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Robert M. Muckle, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
R.W. Bro. Gordon M. McMorran, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Secretary:
M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Grand Chaplain:
R. W. Bro. R. S. Montgomery, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
W. Bro. R. F. Bingham, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
V.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, King Edward Lodge No. 93.

Grand Librarian:
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Miniota Lodge No. 102.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District:
V.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

Second Masonic District:
W. Bro. Samuel Harry Prowse, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.

Third Masonic District:
W. Bro. Herbert E. Hopkins, Strathcona Lodge No. 117.

Fourth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Edgar John Jarvis, Killarney Lodge No. 50.

Fifth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Howard M. Spearin, Corinthian Lodge No. 15.
W. Bro. Wm. Dillon, Hamiota Lodge No. 84.
W. Bro. Fred W. Tarrant, Foxwarren Lodge No. 152.

Sixth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Gilbert H. Grant, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

Seventh Masonic District:
W. Bro. Herbert J. Jones, Elkhorn Lodge No. 74.

Eighth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Geoffrey J. Long, Emerson Lodge No. 6.

Ninth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Hugh Albert Caughlin, Jubilee Lodge No. 147.

Tenth Masonic District:
V.W. Bro. John Norquay, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
W. Bro. Albert C. Pritchard, Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148.

Twelfth Masonic District:
W. Bro. Alex. E. Duff, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
W. Bro. David Milliken, Meridian Lodge No. 140.

Board of General Purposes:

One Year Term:
V.W. Bro. Thos. L. Dodsworth, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Two Year Term:
R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
W. Bro. John W. Tackberry, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd, Emerson Lodge No. 6.
V.W. Bro. D. W. Smith, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.
W. Bro. R. A. Copland, Northern Light Lodge No. 10.
R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters, Ionic Lodge No. 25.
R.W. Bro. George V. Henderson, Strathclair Lodge No. 106.
R.W. Bro. Chas. A. Midwinter, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
R.W. Bro. W. Albert Prugh, Tweed Lodge No. 113.
R.W. Bro. Robt. E. Emmett, St. James Lodge No. 121.
R.W. Bro. George P. Fairbairn, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
V.W. Bro. John P. Mowat, Beaver Lodge No. 139.
R.W. Bro. David MacKay, Meridian Lodge No. 140
R.W. Bro. A. E. Weidman, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.

PETITIONS, APPEALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Acting Grand Secretary reported that there were no Petitions or Appeals before him.

Regrets for absence were presented on behalf of the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R.W. Bro. Chas. R. Sayer, Grand Representative of South Carolina, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie, Grand Representative of Vermont, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

and from:

M.W, Bro. T. H. Simpson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario).

R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario).

R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Sam. Harris, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. George H. Ellis, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

M.W. Bro. Ray E. Cummins, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

R.W. Bro. John H. Anderson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. Verne Wells, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. John Stormon, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

R.W. Bro. E. F. Strain, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

On behalf of the Board of General Purposes, I beg to submit the following summary of the business transacted by the Board since the last Regular Communication of Grand Lodge:

MEETING OF JUNE 3rd, 1948

The inaugural meeting of the Board was held immediately following the close of Grand Lodge. By virtue of office R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington became President of the Board and R.W. Bro. Chas E. Cole, Vice-President.

The following Committee was appointed to strike Standing Committees:

M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Chairman
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt,
M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker,
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence,
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington.

MEETING OF JUNE 28th, 1948

28 Members Present

The President presided. The Committee appointed to strike off Standing Committees, presented its report which was adopted by the Board.

The Board authorized M W. Bro. J. J. Henderson to assume his duties as active Librarian, and for such work to be remunerated at the amount budgeted for such duties.

The Board approved of the following delegation to attend the Banff Conference on September 9th, 10th and 11th: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. In case of any of the foregoing being unable to attend, the Grand Master to appoint a substitute.

The question of Celebration of the 75th Anniversary was discussed and a Committee appointed by the Grand Master.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17th, 1948

34 Members Present

The President presided.

With regard to the question of Blind Petitioners, the M.W. Grand Master has asked M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker to give this matter consideration, and an interim report was given at this time. (See report of Meeting on February 18th, 1949).

The Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry reported a very successful meeting with the District Deputy Grand Masters, which would result in a better understanding respecting their several duties.

Following a letter to the Grand Secretary from R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, regarding the safe-keeping of the bonds of Grand Lodge, the Board ruled that all present and future bonds belonging to Grand Lodge be registered as to principal and interest, and deposited in a Safety Deposit box in the bank. It will be noted that this action supersedes the policy adopted at the meeting of June 2nd, 1948.

In regard to the Masonic Symbol on the building formerly occupied by Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92 at Shoal Lake. As it was not possible to arrive at a satisfactory solution to the problem, the Board decided that the whole matter be laid on the table "sine die."

R.W. Bro. Coddington gave a report on the Banff Conference held in September.

To make necessary arrangements and complete plans of the 75th Anniversary the Grand Master appointed the following Committee: M.W. Bro. Burritt, Chairman. M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert, M.W. Bro. N. J. Black, with power to add to this number, At this meeting, it was the Board's privilege to welcome the Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Hugh Innes, and express their delight in his recovery from his recent illness.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19th, 1948

34 Members Present

The President Presided.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the 75th Anniversary reported progress, and recommended that the Finance Committee be authorized to set aside the sum of $1,000.00 from the General Fund of Grand Lodge, and that this sum be placed at the disposal of this Committee to liquidate any expenses which may accrue. The Board concurred in the recommendation.

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker presented a most comprehensive report in respect to the question of Blind Petitioners, setting forth the results of a survey throughout Canada and the United States. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Revision for their suggested amendment to Section 149 of the Constitution. The Most Worshipful Grand Master expressed his sincere thanks to M.W. Bro. Parker and his Committee for the very complete report submitted.

M.W. Bro. Burritt reported that the bonds of the several funds of Grand Lodge had all been registered as to principal and that the remaining bonds not now registered as to interest were now being looked after.

The Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education reported that as a medium of contact for the new members, the Committee had decided to use a series of five booklets, which in their opinion would enlighten the new members and help them to understand the degrees as they pass through them. To defray the expenses of printing these booklets, the Committee recommended to the Board that the Finance Committee authorize the sum of $450.00, which amount it was estimated, would be returned to the General Fund through the sale of the booklets. The Board concurred in the recommendation. This Committee also appointed a sub-committee to make the arrangements for the Area Meetings to be held in the spring of 1949 and another sub-committee to co-operate with the Librarian, with the idea of bringing to the attention of the brethren the list of Masonic books available to the Craft.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry reported on the matter of making some suitable recognition by Grand Lodge, of long and worthy services of Lodge secretaries, and the Board agreed to the following recommendation that any brother rendering such outstanding service, which his Lodge deems should be recognized by Grand Lodge, said Lodge may apply to the Board of General Purposes, giving details and reasons why they feel such recognition might be made. Such application would be reviewed by the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry and recommendations made to the Board. Such being favorable, the brother would be presented at the Altar during the Communication of Grand Lodge, Grand Honors conferred on him according to his rank, the Most Worshipful Grand Master to suitably recognize the brother's services, and a letter to follow from the Grand Secretary and signed by the Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, recommended to the Board that a donation be made from the War Effort Fund, to Quatuor Coronati No. 2076, London, England. The matter was referred to the Committee on Research and Education for a report and recommendation.

The Board gave its approval to requests from Treherne Lodge No. 51 and Victory Lodge No. 128 to dispose of property which they no longer required.

W. Bro. J. F. Irwin suggested that the agenda for each regular Lodge meeting include a fifteen minute period for the purpose of a talk on some subject of Masonic interest. This was referred to the Committee on Research and Education.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18th, 1949

33 Members Present

The President presided.

The Committee on Constitution and Revision submitted a report in respect to proposed Amendments to the Constitution to cover blind petitioners. This report was approved by the Board, and the Chairman to give the Notice of motion to the proposed amendments.

The Board approved of the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Investments in respect to the sale of $11,500.00 4% Bonds, maturing February 2nd, 1950, and to purchase the same amount of Province of Manitoba 3% Bonds maturing in 1964. Also that we purchase $5,000.00 Province of Manitoba 3% Bonds maturing March 1st, 1964, making a grand total of

$16,500.00. Bonds to be purchased, and authorization given on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Committee on Research and Education, reported that the series of five booklets had been sent out to the constituent lodges, through the Grand Secretary's Office. The Grand Librarian reported good results in getting in long-overdue books. The Committee on Research and Education reported that M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan and R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole had been assigned the work of preparing a panel to present at the Wawanesa and Selkirk Area Meetings respectively.

The Board was pleased to hear the announcement made by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, to the effect that Tweed Lodge No. 113, had by resolution decided to set aside 10% of all Initiation fees as their contribution to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Endowment Fund. The Board expressed its appreciation.

The Committee on the 75th Anniversary plans reported as to proposed ideas for the celebration; further details to be supplied later.

M.W. Bro. Donnelly, reporting for the Committee on Food Parcels for Britain, advised the Board that to date monies received for this fund totalled $28,224.76; received from Grand Lodge $1,000.00, total $29,224.76.

By the end of February, 1,875 parcels had been forwarded at a cost of $21,045.00 leaving a balance on hand of $8,179.76 and at the rate of 350 parcels per month, sufficient money was on hand to continue sending parcels to the end of July, 1949.

The Board was pleased to approve the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in issuing Dispensations to Russell Lodge No. 62 and Vermillion Lodge No. 68, allowing them to move into new premises. The Board also recorded their congratulations to these two lodges in securing their own premises.

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan presented an amendment to Section 41 of the Constitution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

The Grand Secretary brought before the Board the matter of using receipts for dues with a Petition for Affiliation, and the Board unanimously agreed that this practice was not in harmony with Section 67 sub-section 2 of the Constitution. The Grand Secretary was requested to call the attention of the constituent lodges to this matter. He was also authorized to have a reprint of the standard By-Laws.

MEETING OF APRIL 8th, 1949

30 Members Present

The President presided.

The Committee on Special War Effort having reviewed the situation in respect to the appeal for funds from Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, England, such funds to help defray the cost of repairing their lodge premises, recommended that the sum of $1,000.00 be donated. The Board concurred.

Regarding lodges in the Channel Islands, the Board received information that the United Grand Lodge of England had helped them after liberation to get started and that they were not now in need of funds. The Board decided to take no action for the present.

The Board reviewed the various amendments proposed in regard to the Constitution, and accepted the notices in respect to same, for submission to Grand Lodge.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a special committee be appointed by the Grand Master to enquire into and report in respect to salary adjustments in the Grand Secretary's Office. The following Committee was appointed: R.W. Bro. W. Percy White, Chairman and R.W. Bros. Hugh Innes and Harry Coddington.

In the absence of the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Coddington reported on the All-Canada Conference, briefly outlining the programme and giving pertinent facts of the various subjects discussed. Also reported that the next conference would be held in Winnipeg in March, 1951.

The Board at this meeting approved the recommendation of the Acting Grand Secretary in respect to restricting the hours of the Library, made necessary through the illness of the Grand Librarian and the volume of detail work in the Grand Secretary's Office, particularly at this time.

Following a special meeting on April 2nd, called by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. McDonald, on account of the serious illness of M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, the Board confirmed the action of this committee in appointing R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington to be Acting Grand Secretary pro tem.

Correspondence between the National Grand Lodge of Denmark in respect to lodges in Iceland was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals for review and report.

The Board approved of the resolution submitted by St. John's Lodge No. 4 for the sale of this Lodge's property at 261 Colony Street, Winnipeg.

The Board approved the recommendation of R.W. Bro. A. D. Russell, that Grand Lodge give consideration to the matter of a Blanket Bond covering all Secretaries of constituent lodges, in order to overcome the difficulty which is now experienced by some secretaries opposing the furnishing of a bond, and referred the matter to the Finance Committee for investigation and report.

By unanimous resolution of the Board at this meeting, expressions of deep regret were recorded at the absence of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey and of M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Librarian, due to the illnesses of these brethren, and were gratified to know that they are both making steady progress toward recovery.

MEETING OF JUNE 1st, 1949

35 Members Present

The President presided.

The Special Trial Commission reported on the case of Bro. Thomas Frank Kelly of McCreary Lodge No. 133, recommending that said member be expelled from Freemasonry. The Board concurred.

The Board also approved of the recommendations of the Special Committee appointed to investigate and report regarding the salaries for the staff in the Grand Secretary's Office.

The report submitted by the Acting Grand Secretary on Icelandic Lodges referring particularly to Bro. Rev. V. J. Eylands was received and ordered filed. This review, resulting in the Board accepting the Certificate issued by Edda Lodge in Iceland, under the Jurisdiction of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark to Bro. Eylands and his membership in the Craft recognized.

The Board approved an application from Russell Lodge No. 62 for permission to obtain a mortgage on their new building. The mortgage as drawn up to be $1,980.00 repayable at a minimum of $20.00 per month and with interest at 4%.

The reports of Committees for presentation to Grand Lodge were duly presented and recorded.

The Board approved of the recommendation of the Special Committee on Food Parcels for England and Scotland, that this campaign be discontinued and the Fund be wound up as at July 31st, 1949.

The Board of General Purposes has given careful attention to all business brought before it, and maintained close supervision on all matters pertaining to the Grand Lodge. Six regular meetings were held with an average attendance of 33.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY CODDINGTON,
President,

Presented by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93). Carried.

Following the report of the Board of General Purposes, it was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. S. Montgomery (2) that this Grand Lodge express its regret at the absence of M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary and M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Librarian, and that telegrams be sent to each of them expressing the best wishes of all members of Grand Lodge for their speedy recovery. Carried.

The telegrams were sent immediately from the Session: "Greetings from all Grand Lodge members at Opening Session and best wishes from all. We know you are with us in spirit but would enjoy having you in person. Please realize that we are all pulling for you, so settle down to regain your strength."

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140) reported that word had been received of the sudden passing of M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and moved that a telegram of condolence be sent from the Grand Lodge to Mrs. Matson. This telegram was sent immediately from the Session: "Mrs. Frank W. Matson, St. Paul, Minnesota: The Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Session sends deepest sympathy at this time of sad bereavement. We had planned in anticipation to welcome you both in Winnipeg today, but Providence ruled otherwise. We regarded Frank as one of ourselves in Manitoba and his memory will remain fresh and fragrant for a long time. Our hope is that you may be comforted by the happy memories of other days. May the Grand Architect give you comfort and solace in your lonely hours.''

REPORT OF TRIAL COMMISSION

McCreary Lodge No. 133

The Acting Grand Secretary reported that the Trial Commission appointed to try the case against Bro. Thomas Frank Kelly of McCreary Lodge No. 133, had made a full and complete report to the Board of General Purposes and that the Board had recommended to Grand Lodge that this brother be expelled from the Craft.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) and seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1) that the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes be adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE ACTING GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Herewith I beg to submit to you the Seventy-fourth Annual Report of the Grand Secretary for the year ended March 31st, 1949.

Copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Communication held on June 2nd and 3rd, 1948, were prepared in record time and mailed to each of the Constituent Lodges, to the Officers of Grand Lodge, the members of the Board of General Purposes and to the Grand Lodges and their Grand Representatives, with whom we are in fraternal relationship. Copies were also furnished to members of the Craft making application for the same.

Warning Circulars have been prepared in accordance with the decision of Grand Lodge and were mailed to Constituent Lodges and other Bodies having Masonic affiliations, as numbers 73A and 73B.

Certificates for Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Master Masons, Life Members and Honorary Members have been prepared and presented to individuals entitled to receive the same, or forwarded promptly to the Secretaries of the lodges concerned.

The Half-yearly Returns covering the activities of the several Constituent Lodges for the calendar year 1948, were finally all received. We regret to say that notwithstanding the request made to the various lodges for the early return of these reports, that this year they were even later than last year, the last one having been received on April 7th. We wish to point out that if the work of the Grand Secretary's office is to function according to schedule these reports must be received according to the dates specified in the Constitution. May we look forward to an improvement in this record. There is still room for improvement in both the manner in which the reports are being submitted and the accuracy of same, making correspondence necessary to get additional information and adjust errors, and it can be readily seen that closer co-operation of the lodge secretaries is necessary. If greater care was taken in making out reports, much work in the Grand Secretary's office would be eliminated.

The Returns, Form No. 42 show a gross increase in membership of 1,013, which is 173 less than the year 1947, while losses through Demits, Suspensions and Deaths amounted to 484, an increase of 25 over 1947, making a net gain of 529 for the year 1948.

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	
Membership as at January 1st, 1948						12,525
Additions:						
Initiations	619	699	901	874	781	
Re-Instated	80	88	74	53	71	
Affiliations	131	99	170	259	161	
Totals	830	886	1145	1186	1013	
Removals:						
By Demit	116	140	181	183	168	
Suspension, N.P.D.	53	50	27	48	67	
Suspension, U.M.C.	0	0	1	0	1	
By Death	212	184	188	228	248	
Totals	381	374	397	459	484	
Net Increase	449	512	748	727	529	
						529
Membership as at December 31st, 1948						13,054

The following table shows the Degrees conferred in the various Lodges for the past five years:

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Entered Apprentice	619	699	901	874	781
Fellow Craft	502	639	940	843	761
Master Mason	535	627	869	841	753
	1656	1965	2710	2558	2295

An analysis of the reports shows the following facts:

Suspensions, N.P.D.

70 Lodges have no Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues (77 in 1947),

36 Lodges show 67 Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues (29 in 1947).

Suspensions, U.M.C.

One in 1948, none in 1947.

Membership:

78 Lodges show an increase in Membership as compared with 86 in 1947.

20 Lodges show a decrease in membership as compared with 16 in 1947.

8 Lodges show membership as unchanged, as compared with 4 in 1947.

9 Lodges had no Initiations, as compared with 5 in 1947.

4 Lodges conferred no degrees at all as compared with 1 in 1947.

Further details may be gathered from the statistical table which will appear in the printed proceedings of this Communication.

Dispensations issued from June 1st, 1948 to May 20th, 1949:

	1948	1947
To hold Joint Installation	15	10
To attend Divine Service in Regalia	33	33
To change Lodge Premises	5	6
To change place of meeting	4	4
To receive new petitions	2	1
To elect and install Lodge Officers	13	9
To confer degrees after receiving Waivers	30	17
To hold District Meetings	11	11
For modified examination	3	1
Special funeral service	1	0
Courtesy Degree between City Lodges	1	0
To confer degrees within specified time	3	3
	121	95

Amendments to By-Laws:

1. Regular Meetings	Lodges 82, 130, 133, 137, 146, 156
2. Election of Officers	Lodge 122
3. Finances	Lodge 140
4. Annual Dues	Lodges 1, 25, 27, 50, 84, 139, 148, 151
5. Life Membership	Lodge 71
6. Committee of General Purposes	Lodge 143
7. Complete Revision	Lodges 27, 39, 62, 112, 146, 148
8. Business of Lodge	Lodges 1, 10, 130, 136

We regret the passing of 248 brethren, whose names are recorded elsewhere in the Proceedings.

The absence of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter. T. Pilkey, and the Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, on account of serious illness is much regretted by the Officers and members of Grand Lodge, but it is with extreme pleasure that we can announce that they are making steady progress and with the continued improvement shown, they expect to resume their duties sometime in July.

As Acting Grand Secretary, I wish to express my appreciation to the Grand Lodge Officers who have assisted me, and also particularly to the members of the Office staff for their able assistance.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Grand Secretary.

HARRY CODDINGTON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

The report of the Acting Grand Secretary was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), who moved that the report be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4). Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I present for your consideration and approval the following statements relative to the finances of Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st March, 1949.

General Fund:

Exhibit "A" —Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B" —Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1" —Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2" —Details of Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:

Exhibit "C" —Balance Sheet.
Exhibit 'D" —Statement of Income and Expenditures.

Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "E" —Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F" —Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "3" —Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.
Exhibit "G" —Consolidated Balance Sheet.

These statements have been audited and the Auditors' Certificate is attached to the report.

The Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund are both in a healthy condition. All Bonds owned by Grand Lodge are registered. We hold only one mortgage now and it is considered to be a sound investment, and all the property in which Grand Lodge has an insurable interest is covered by insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. PERCY WHITE,
Grand Treasurer.

Presented by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Earl Glover (70). Carried.

April 8th, 1949.

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and
Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1949, and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

General Fund:
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.

Beneficiary Fund:
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "3"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.

Exhibit "G"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Cash in Bank:

The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected and found in order.

Yours truly,
ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1949.

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$9,505.26	
Cash in Hand	17.00	
Cash in Hand (Petty)	19.02	
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	182.35	
		$ 9,723.63
Inventories:		
Supplies and Stock (Valued at)		1.00
Investment:		
Dominion of Canada Bonds, 1966—3% (Par value $10,000.00)		10,500.00
Equipment:		
Furniture and Fixtures		
Regalia		
Library and Fixtures		
Valued at		1.00
		$20,225.63

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	$20,225.63

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1949, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1949.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 8th, 1949.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the Year ended March 31st, 1949.

INCOME

Dues	$18,147.00
Initiations	1,550.00
M.M. Certificates	1,527.00
P.M. Certificates	74.00
L.M. Certificates	89.00
Dispensations	288.00
Bond Interest	300.00
Supplies Sold	986.56
Total Income	$22,961.56

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	$6,275.00	
Rent	1,200.00	
Postage and Excise	371.17	
Stationery and Office Supplies	513.77	
Expense Grand Master	764.82	
Expense Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers	651.53	
Area Meetings	851.89	
L.M. Certificates	54.00	
M.M. Certificates	132.84	
Board Members' Expense	514.75	
Library Maintenance	1,396.11	
Insurance	203.12	
Masonry in Manitoba (Paper)	1,561.44	
Consecration and Constitution Expense	512.50	
Regalia	328.72	
Masonic Research and Education	155.71	
Unemployment Insurance	42.51	
Exchange	34.15	
Miscellaneous (Schedule "2")	4,208.98	
Total Expenditure		19,773.01
Net Income for Year		$ 3,188.55
Surplus as at March 31st, 1948		17,037.08
Surplus as at March 31st, 1949		$20,225.63

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st. 1949.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Amount Cr.
1.	Prince Rupert's	$ 10.00	
2.	Lisgar	10.75	
3.	Ancient Landmark	6.00	
4.	St. John's		10.00
10.	Northern Light	13.20	
11.	Gladstone	.20	
13.	Morden	.20	
14.	Prince of Wales		.20
19.	Brandon	5.80	
30.	Manitou		1.00
36.	Doric	77.50	
39.	Birtle	10.00	
50.	Killarney	4.85	
62.	Russell	14.15	
67.	Wawanesa	.25	
70.	Shiloh	11.45	
71.	Crystal	.75	
101.	Binscarth	2.25	
103.	Crescent		1.00
106.	Strathclair		4.00
108.	Union	.65	
109.	Swan Lake		1.45
111.	Acacia	10.00	
112.	Ophir	7.80	
117.	Strathcona	7.35	
119.	Norwood		27.45
121.	St. James	.75	
125.	Patricia		3.75
140.	Meridian		3.30
144.	Fort Osborne	2.00	
147.	Jubilee	21.30	
151.	The Dormer	8.00	
152.	Foxwarren	2.85	
154.	Pine Falls	3.65	
155.	Carman	.60	
159.	Newdale	2.20	
		$234.50	$52.15
		52.15	
		$182.35	

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the year ended March 31st, 1949.

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	$1,189.06
Grand Lodge Communication	1,034.25
Audit	200.00
Telephone and Telegraph	134.99
Travelling (Banff Conference)	325.00
Travelling (All Canada Conference)	454.91
Flowers	69.60
Christmas Expense	131.80
Memorials	48.60
Masonic Relief Association	59.56
Warning Circulars	37.53
List of Lodges	20.47
Safety Deposit Box	25.00
Typewriter Inspection, etc.	22.05
Charters-Lodges	75.60
Furniture and Fixtures (Cabinet)	60.50
Fifty Year Jewel Bronze	93.75
List of Officers and Committees	25.92
Miscellaneous	200.39
	$4,208.98

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st. 1949.

ASSETS

	Par Value			
Current:				
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce				$ 3,212.33
Investments:				
Mortgage Loan			$ 6,025.00	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 54,000.00	$ 53,876.25		
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00	11,000.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	172,000.00	172,966.25		
Canadian National Railway Bonds	18,000.00	18,162.50		
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	1,000.00	1,000.00		
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00	291,785.00	
War Savings Certificates			480.00	298,290.00
				$301,502.33

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "D")	$301,502.33
	$301,502.33

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1949, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1949.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 8th, 1949.

Exhibit "D"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

For the year ended March 31st, 1949.

INCOME

Donations Lodges	$ 1,930.23
Life Members, Fees	455.00
Profit on Sale of Dominion of Canada Bonds, 1959	1,020.00
Profit on Sale of Province of Manitoba Bonds, 1950	115.00
	$ 3,520.23

EXPENDITURE

Exchange	3.30
Excess of Income over Expenditure	$ 3,516.93
Surplus as at March 31st, 1948	297,985.40
Surplus as at March 31st, 1949	$301,502.33

Exhibit "E"

BALANCE SHEET
BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31st, 1949.

ASSETS

	Par Value		
Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce:			
Savings Account		$8,215.87	
Current Account		24.29	$ 8,240.16
Investments:			
Dominion of Canada Bonds	$47,600.00	$47,600.00	
Province of Manitoba	10,000.00	10,125.00	57,725.00
			$65,965.16

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "F")	$65,965.16

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1949, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1949.

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ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 8th, 1949.

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEFICIARY FUND

For the year ended March 31st, 1949.

INCOME

Mortgage Interest:		
Loan R.		$ 290.68
Interest Bonds—Debentures		12,286.17
Interest Bank		30.20
		$12,607.05

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "3")	$8,213.57	
Printing and Stationery	45.36	
		8,258.93
Excess of Income over Expenditure		$ 4,348.12
Surplus as at March 31st, 1948		61,617.04
Surplus as at March 31st, 1949		$65,965.16

Schedule "3"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the year ended March 31st, 1949.

No.	Name of Lodge	On Account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert's	Mrs. W. N. L.	$ 245.00
2.	Lisgar	Mrs. F. J.	125.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. M. McC.	185.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	F. M. M.	305.15
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. M. G. O.	85.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. F. J. B.	125.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.15
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	64.22
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	145.15
14.	Prince of Wales	H. K.	125.15
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. R. A. T.	185.15
24.	Neepawa	T. T.	305.15
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. R. A.	185.15
40.	Deloraine	T. L.	485.15
43.	Lebanon	Mrs. M. J. Y.	305.15
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	65.15
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. C. P. T.	201.50
70.	Shiloh	O. Mc.	90.00
74.	Elkhorn	Mrs. N. Y.	305.15
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	125.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	125.15
90.	Midlothian	J. W.	60.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. M. W.	85.15
93.	King Edward	H. M. J.	245.00
93.	King Edward	Miss M. A.	125.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. L. L. D.	305.00
94.	Hiram	F. H. Mc.	185.15
100.	Robbie Burns	W. E. J. B.	245.00
103.	Crescent	Mrs. M. G.	185.15
104.	Reston	G. J. W.	95.15
113.	Tweed	Mrs. D. E. E.	125.15
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. Mc.	125.00
123.	Transcona	Mrs. J. J.	185.15
127.	Empire	G. G. P.	200.00
131.	Kildonan	T. H. B.	305.00
131.	Kildonan	Mrs. A. M. R.	120.00
134.	Stony Mountain	Mrs. M. A. P.	305.15
137.	Lord Selkirk	J. R.	90.00
137.	Lord Selkirk	Mrs. I. R.	185.00
138.	Windsor	Mrs. M. E. B.	65.00
140.	Meridian	C. S.	365.00
143.	Mt. Sinai	Mrs. F. Z.	25.00
148.	Seven Oaks	Mrs. E. W.	185.00
153.	Flin Flon	B. H.	120.00
153.	Flin Flon	Mrs. B. H.	60.00
Miscellaneous			250.00
			$8,213.57

Exhibit "G"

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31st. 1949.

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Bank		$20,957.75	
Cash on Hand		36.02	
Accounts Receivable		182.35	
			$ 21,176.12
Inventory Supplies and Stock Valued at			1.00
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures, Regalia, Library and Fixtures Valued at			1.00
Investments:			
	Par Value		
Mortgage Loan		$ 6,025.00	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 64,000.00	64,001.25	
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	1,000.00	1,000.00	
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00	
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00	11,000.00	
Dominion of Canada Bonds	229,600.00	231,066.25	
Canadian National Railway Bonds	18,000.00	18,162.50	
War Savings Certificates		480.00	
			366,515.00
			$387,693.12

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$387,693.12
	$387,693.12

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1949, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1949.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 8th, 1949.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended March 31st, 1949.

"FOOD PARCEL"

Cash in Bank April 1st, 1948			$18,663.02
Receipts from Lodges			5,874.59
			$24,537.61
Disbursements:			
T. Eaton Co.	$11,615.00		
Hudson's Bay Co.	6,325.00		
		$17,940.00	
Exchange		5.05	
			17,945.05
Cash in Bank March 31st, 1949			$ 6,592.56

NOTICE OF MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) seconded by V.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), that the Masonic Districts as at present constituted, remain unchanged for the ensuing year and that the following three lodges remain under the supervision of the M.W. the Grand Master: The Pas Lodge No. 124, Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 and Rice Lake Lodge No. 157. Carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD PARCELS TO OUR BRETHREN IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

At our last Communication of Grand Lodge a full report on the organization and progress of the Food Parcels for Britain plan was presented. Following the Grand Lodge session the Grand Master selected the following committee to carry on the work: R.W. Bros. H. Coddington, R. E. Emmett, G. P. Fairbairn, H. A. Innes, M.W. Bros. W. C. McDonald and H. B. Donnelly, Chairman.

While the canvass for subscriptions throughout the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction had been completed, some contributions were still being received. When the report was made last year, a total of $25,106.79 had been subscribed, not including the $1,000.00 originally granted by Grand Lodge. On April 1st, 1948, there was a balance of $18,663.02 in the fund. Receipts since that time had amounted to $5,874.59.

For the year ended March 31st, 1949, a total of $17,945.05 was expended on food parcels, leaving a balance of $6,592.56. At the present time (May 31st) the balance is $3,375.56. Sufficient to continue sending the full number of parcels for June and July.

When the new committee met to discuss the situation, it was decided to bring the whole campaign to a close. It was felt that this would be better than to let the project drag out too long and thus allow it to lose its effectiveness. Therefore, on the instruction of the committee, the following letter was sent to all Lodges:

"The Committee appointed by the Grand Master to carry on the work of Food Parcels for England and Scotland, met lately to review the situation.

"A total amount of $27,642.55 has been raised for this purpose. To date, 2875 parcels have been forwarded to Brother Masons in England and Scotland at a cost of $13,225.00.

"The letters received by the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction have told of the gratitude of the recipients of these parcels, and how much our brethren in the Old Land have appreciated this splendid expression of goodwill on our part.

"We have now decided that no further appeal for subscriptions be made, and that the fund be closed at the end of the present year. However, there may be contributions still in the hands of Lodge Secretaries, or possibly some brethren who had pledged regular subscriptions may not have completed their payments. If any amounts are outstanding, we urge that these be sent in at once, so that all monies may be in the hands of the Grand Secretary before December 31st.

"We have been sending parcels at the rate of 300 per month, and we still have sufficient funds available to continue sending parcels for nine months at the rate of 350 each month. By doing this, the whole project will be completed by June of next year, and a final report can be made at our next Grand Lodge Communication. Your co-operation, therefore, in forwarding at once any outstanding contributions will be appreciated.

"The committee is proud of the generous response made by Manitoba Freemasons to this appeal. We desire to convey our congratulations, and to express our sincere thanks, to those who assisted in organizing the project, and to all who by their support made possible this truly Masonic effort."

The members of the committee wish to express their pleasure in being permitted to take part in the work of helping to provide food parcels for our brethren in the Old Land. The results of this expression of brotherhood will long be felt both here and in Great Britain.

We wish, further, to refer to the work of the Grand Secretary, who has given so much effort to the carrying out of the plan. His diligence and close attention has enabled the whole project to be carried out efficiently.

The committee does not wish to make any recommendations for the future. Our work has been completed, and it is now the responsibility of this Grand Lodge to decide whether or not they wish to make any effort to continue this work.

On behalf of the Committee.

H. B. DONNELLY,
Chairman.

This Report was presented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121). Carried.

Following the report of the Special Committee on Food Parcels to our Brethren in England and Scotland, R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1) reported that it was the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes that this Fund be closed, and the sending of parcels discontinued after the quota of 350 parcels for the month of July had been despatched. He also stated that the lists of names received had not included any of the staffs of the Grand Secretaries' Offices in England and Scotland, and suggested that a list of those employed in these two offices be obtained and the small balance remaining in the fund be used to provide parcels for the names listed.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138) and seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3) that this recommendation be adopted. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the request of M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald the Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, made announcements regarding the reception of Distinguished Visitors, and Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges at the Evening Session.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following Amendments to the Constitution were taken up at this point.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 41: In accordance with the Notice of Motion, M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) moved:

That Section 41 be amended by making the following changes:

In the first paragraph, delete the words "Communication of Grand Lodge" and inserting instead thereof "District Meeting held within the District." After the words "District Deputy Grand Master" add, "A majority vote of such members present shall be necessary to elect."

In the second paragraph, by deleting the words, starting in the middle of the fifth line "on the Thursday preceding the opening of the Annual Communication," and inserting instead thereof "and the District Secretary not later than Twelve o'clock noon, seven days prior to the date of such District Meeting."

Delete the last sentence of this paragraph commencing, "The provisions of Sections 28 to 37," Delete the remainder of the section as printed on page 32 of the Constitution. Insert instead thereof, "the District Secretary shall forthwith report in writing to the Grand Secretary, the name of the District Deputy Grand Master so elected."

At the end of the second line at top of page 33 following the words "Grand Master elect" add "at the next succeeding Communication of Grand Lodge."

Section 41 would then read as follows:

"The Past Masters, Masters and Sitting Wardens of the Lodges from each District who are in attendance at the Annual District Meeting held within the District shall choose by ballot a District Deputy Grand Master. A majority of the votes of such members present shall be necessary to elect.

Nomination for such District Deputy Grand Master shall be in writing signed by a member of Grand Lodge who is also a member of a lodge situate in the District for which such nomination is made, and shall be filed with the Grand Secretary and the District Secretary not later than Twelve o'clock noon seven days prior to the date of such District Meeting, at which time the Grand Secretary shall declare the nominations closed. Before accepting any nomination, the Grand Secretary shall ascertain that the person nominated is duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution to hold the office of District Deputy Grand Master. The District Secretary shall forthwith report in writing to the Grand Secretary the name of the District Deputy Grand Master so elected.

"The member in each District so chosen shall be declared elected when the choice is confirmed by the Grand Master elect at the next succeeding Communication of Grand Lodge. If not confirmed, or the member so chosen declines to act, the Grand Master shall ask that another choice be made, and shall issue a Dispensation for the holding of a District Meeting in the District concerned at a time and place to be stated in such dispensation for the purpose of making such choice, and at such District Meeting, nominations may be made and a District Deputy Grand Master chosen for such District by a majority vote by ballot of the members of Grand Lodge of such District, present at such District Meeting."

This Motion was seconded by R.W. Bro. J. W. Broatch (19) and carried unanimously.

Section 90:

"That Section 90 be amended by deleting that clause in Section 90 relating to Life Membership and fees."

It was moved by V.W. Bro. M. Cobban (25), seconded by W. Bro. Leonard Andrew (120) that the Motion be adopted. After some discussion, the Motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

ADJOURNMENT

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, called the Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 4.45 p.m. to reconvene at 8.00 p.m., for the Evening Session.

Wednesday, June 1st, 1949

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, and the Past Grand Masters entered the Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn, ''Unto the Hills around do I lift up my longing eyes.''

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, at 8.00 p.m.

The Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, was then directed to retire and escort our Distinguished Visitors, together with their sponsors into Grand Lodge:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Holman, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Walter B. Congdon, D.G.M.
W. Bro. Clinton M. Norton.
Presented by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:

M.W. Bro. W. J. Hunter, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Chas. M. Pollock, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Harry Gill, P.G.M.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota:

M.W. Bro. Albro C. Ayres, Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Ralph R. Twamley, P.G.M.
W. Bro. George R. Hunter.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Michigan:

M.W. Bro. (Senator) Louis E. Anderson, P.G.M.
Bro. (Senator) G. E. Bonine.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:

M.W. Bro. Fred. C. Wilson, Grand Master.
Presented by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:

M.W. Bro. Wm. A. Henry, Grand Master.
Presented by M.W. Bro. Sam. Burland, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

R.W. Bro. Chas. Elliott, Grand Historian, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, near New Jersey.

Presented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Colorado:

W. Bro. Martin L. Johnson.

Presented by R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh, P.D.D.G.M.

The Grand Lodge extended Grand Honors to our Distinguished Guests, after which the M.W. Grand Master extended a very cordial welcome to each of the Guests and requested the Most Worshipful brethren who had presented them to conduct our visitors to seats in the Grand East.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS NEAR THIS GRAND LODGE

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, requested the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire and escort the Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions into Grand Lodge.

The following were introduced by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, and presented greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge they represented, and acknowledged by the Grand Master who expressed the hope that each one would communicate with his respective Grand Lodge, extending our friendly greetings and best wishes.

Alabama	V.W. Bro. Bernard Warkentin
Alberta	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Alpina (Switzerland)	V.W. Bro. Wm. C. Birt
Arizona	V.W. Bro. O. L. Best
Arkansas	V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
Canada (in Ontario)	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
Chili	M.W. Bro. N. J. Black
Colombia	R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann
Colorado	R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
Connecticut	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Costa Rica	R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd
England	M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Major
Florida	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
Idaho	W. Bro. S. J. Sametz
Illinois	R.W. Bro. Wm. R. Leslie
Indiana	R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Ireland	M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
Kansas	W. Bro. J. V. Dillabough
Kentucky	R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Maryland	R.W. Bro. David Ferguson
Massachusetts	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes
Michigan	R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatsky
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker
Nebraska	W. Bro. Harry A. Kaplan
Netherlands	M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin
Nevada	R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington
New Brunswick	W. Bro. Robt. A. McKenzie

New Hampshire	V.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
New Jersey	V.W. Bro. W. G. Corbett
New Mexico	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New Zealand	M.W. Bro. Sam Burland
North Carolina	R.W. Bro. Robt. Peel
Norway	R.W. Bro. J. P. McKinnon
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
Panama	R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms
Paraiba—Brazil	V.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell
Philippine Islands	R.W. Bro. John Livesey
Prince Edward Island	R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Quebec	R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters
Queensland	R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
Rio de Janeiro	M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
Tasmania	V.W. Bro. Thos. L. Dodsworth
Tennessee	M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing
Texas	V.W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick
Uruguay	V.W. Bro. E. A. Baragar
Utah	R.W. Bro. Donald McDonald
Virginia	V.W. Bro. J. Clarence Hyde
Washington	R.W. Bro. G. R. Mackay
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. David Griffith
Western Australia	V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure
Wisconsin	W. Bro. Norman M. Hall

M.W. Bro. W. J. Major (25) responded on behalf of the Grand Representatives, to the Grand Master's welcome.

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Bearers were escorted into the Grand Lodge by the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, and in a sincere dignified ceremony, the flags were presented, followed by a prayer offered by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. R. S. Montgomery, then placed in the Grand East.

Bro. Capt. Sam. Gee (140), of the Cameron Highlanders bearing the Union Jack.

Bro. Major John Dickson (140), of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Stars and Stripes.

The brethren sang one verse each of

"God Save the King"
and
"The Star Spangled Banner"

Musical Number:

The brethren were entertained with a delightful solo, rendered by Bro. J. Kerr Wilson, accompanied by Bro. W. E. Wilson, both of Windsor Lodge No. 138. This musical interlude was greatly appreciated, and they were thanked sincerely by the M.W. Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

My Brethren:

We are assembled here in the Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. It is with a sincere feeling of delight I welcome you all tonight. To those who have come for the first time, I ask that you feel at home and be free to take part in the discussion and all of our deliberations. To all, I say, this is your Grand Lodge. It would be non-existent without you as representatives. Might I suggest that you consider it your duty and responsibility to give earnest and serious consideration to all matters of legislation that may come before this Annual Communication. By so doing, we hope to legislate in the best interest of our Lodges and for Freemasonry in Manitoba.

One year ago you expressed your confidence by electing me as your Grand Master. With a full knowledge of my limitations on the one hand and of the many heavy responsibilities of that high office on the other, I have endeavored to meet the duties of the office zealously and by acting always in a manner considered to be in the highest interest of the Craft. My term of Office is now fast drawing to a close and I present herewith for your consideration, an accounting of my activities.

NECROLOGY

As we meditate upon the lives and personalities of our brethren who have passed beyond the veil to dwell eternally in realms beyond the power of perception, we are brought face to face with the mystery of life. It is a mystery both universal and profoundly personal for each of us, whether rich or poor, lettered or unlettered, must face the problem of his own being and his own destiny. The mystery of life, its coming into the world, its perpetuation from age to age, and its going forth from this world has always had the serious attention of men.

The human race intuitively believes that a richer, fuller and more infinitely better life exists for man beyond the experience of death. By a simple faith, as that of a little child, we believe in a life after death. Such is the following statement of faith which has come to me out of the far North. "I watch the sunset as I look over the rim of the Pacific and there is no mystery beyond the horizon line, because I know what is over there. I have journeyed in those lands. Over there, where the sun is just sinking is Japan. That star is rising over China. In that direction lie the Philippines. I know all that.

"Well, there is another land that I look towards, as I watch the sunset. I have never seen it. I have never seen anyone who has been there, but it has a more abiding reality than any of those lands which I do know. This land beyond the sunset, this land of immortality, this fair and blessed country of the soul—why, this Heaven is the one thing in the world which I know with absolute, unshaken, unchangeable certainty. This I know with a knowledge that is never shadowed by a passing cloud of doubt. I may not always be certain about this world; my geographical locations may sometimes become confused, but in the other world—that I know. And as the afternoon sun sinks lower, faith shines more clearly and hope, lifting her voice in a higher key, sings the voice of fruition. My work is about ended, I think. The best of it I have done poorly; any of it I may have done better, but I have done it. And in a fairer land with finer working material and a better working light, I will do better work.''

This is our faith and in this faith we commend the spirits of our departed brethren to the care of Him who is Father of us all.

There passed away on September 20th, 1948, a much beloved brother of Beaver Lodge No 139, in the person of V.W. Bro. Murdo Maclean, Past Senior Grand Deacon of this Grand Lodge and a member of the present Board of General Purposes. He served Freemasonry with an ardent devotion.

We regret the passing on April 18th, 1949, of R.W. Bro. Sydney E. Foreman, Grand Director of Ceremonies. He served this Grand Lodge with distinction and devotion for many years. His influence for good throughout his many fields of endeavor have left us rich indeed.

Just last evening we received the desolating news of the death of M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. M.W. Bro. Matson was beloved in this Jurisdiction, where he had visited on many occasions. As a gracious host to the Manitoba brethren for many years, he will long be remembered by us as a gallant gentleman, exceptionally talented and a true Mason. We will miss his quiet inspiring personality. We join with our distinguished guests from Minnesota, and all others who had grown to love him, in expressing our sincere sympathy.

We record with deep regret and sorrow the loss sustained through death by our Sister Grand Lodges:

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April 6th, M.W. Bro. Ira Harrison Church, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Indiana.

May 19th, V.W. Bro. Elinar C. Hanson, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

May 27th, M.W. Bro. James Henry Barrett, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arizona.

May 27th, R.W. Bro. James Avard Richan, Grand Lodge of Maine.

May 22nd, M.W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

June 3rd, M.W. Bro. Herbert N. Laflin, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

June 14th, M.W. Bro. Walter E. Pratt, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

June 16th, M.W. Bro. James Whetstine, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arizona.

August 8th, M.W. Bro. Hiram F. Lively, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Texas.

August 10th, M.W. Bro. Fred Wm. Hartman, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Oregon.

August 17th, M.W. Bro. Walter J. Harris, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

August 21st, M.W. Bro. Sam. B. Cantey, Jr., P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Texas.

September 9th, M.W. Bro. John Huske Anderson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

September 10th, M.W. Bro. John Robt. Swinton, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Colorado.

September 23rd, M.W. Bro. Lucius Layton Conerly, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

October 11th, M.W. Bro. Wm. Percyval Marchant, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

October 12, R.W. Bro. Raymond M. Remick, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

October 28th, M.W. Bro. Charles Henry Johnson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of New York.

November 5th, M.W. Bro. George A. B. Hall, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

November 22nd, R.W. Bro. Fred C. Chalmers, Grand Lodge of Maine.

December 5th, R.W. Bro. Rev. Milton James Hersey, Grand Lodge of Nevada.

December 20th, M.W. Bro. Wilson H. S. White, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Virginia.

December 22nd, M.W. Bro. George Lawler, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Washington.

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January 17th, M.W. Bro. Dr. W. Scott Ney, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Vermont.

January 19th, M.W. Bro. Harry Holgate Watson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

February 4th, M.W. Bro. William Luther Sweet, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

February 14th, M.W. Bro. George F. A. Bowden, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

February 26th. M.W. Bro. Lindsay B. Phillips, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

March 16th, M.W. Bro. Robert Burrow, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

April 3rd, R.W. Bro. Isaac N. Jones, Grand Lodge of Maine.

April 5th, M.W. Bro. Claude J. McAllister, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Montana.

April 5th, R.W. Bro. Frank W. Fuller, Grand Lodge of Maine.

April 15th, M.W. Bro. James L. Williams, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

May we for a moment pay a silent tribute to our honored and departed brethren.

BANFF CONFERENCE

The Eighth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers of the four Western Grand Jurisdictions was held at Banff, Alberta, on September 9th to 11th, 1948. The Manitoba delegation was your Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, D.G.M., and M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba has continued to support this worthwhile conference from its beginning. Each year there have been developed many excellent subjects. These have been made available in printed form and forwarded to all lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge give the Banff Conference its continued support.

ALL-CANADA CONFERENCE

February 28th to March 2nd

The All-Canada Conference of Grand Lodge Officers was held in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on the above dates. Your delegates to that gathering were the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Coddington, D.G.M., and M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary. The purpose of the Conference was:

1. To draw all parts of Canadian Freemasonry closer together.
2. To make Canadian Freemasons more conscious of their responsibility in breaking down narrow-mindedness and to assist in wiping out racial animosities.

3. To develop the Masonic ideal more fully, of Friendship and Brotherly Love.

4. To discuss our mutual problems and means of solving same.

There were twenty-nine registered delegates present including those of the District Grand Lodges of Newfoundland. Many excellent papers were given by the delegates. Each paper was followed by a discussion under the prepared guidance of one or more of the delegates. R.W. Bro. Coddington and M.W. Bro. Pilkey contributed in a very worthy fashion to the success of the Conference. Personally, I received a great deal of inspiration and enlightenment on subjects that heretofore I knew very little. I think you should know that the manner in which we conduct the affairs of our Grand Lodge is particularly well suited to us in Manitoba. Particularly the Board of General Purposes which efficiently, quietly and thoroughly conducts your business between Grand Lodge Communications.

The tentative plans call for the convening of this Conference biennially. The next Conference is to be held in Winnipeg during the latter part of February, 1951.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND LODGE JURISDICTIONS

During my term of office, I have endeavored to do as much visiting as possible. Visits afforded me the opportunity to observe, and particularly the visits to the Communications of other Grand Jurisdictions. Undoubtedly visits of this nature form the basis for a closer bond of union. I could not but feel impressed that we are all striving and seeking to find ways and means to solve problems of a similar nature which confronts us. Our sister Jurisdictions and those Jurisdictions lying immediately to the South have all welcomed us warmly. I am personally happy that there are so many of their representatives here with us, and to them I extend a warm and cordial welcome. The bond of friendship which exists is evidenced by the fact that many of our honored guests see fit to return year after year.

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June 9-10—In company with M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, held in Edmonton. I was signally honored by having conferred on me on that occasion, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master.

June 16-17—Accompanied by the Grand Secretary, we attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, held at Saskatoon. Here too, I received the honor and distinction of having conferred upon me the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master.

June 21-22—A delegation comprising M.W. Bros. Wm. Douglas, George R. Calvert, Peter T. Pilkey, and myself motored to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and attended that Annual Communication.

July 21-22—In company with M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, we attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

July 25—I was personally unable to attend the Annual International Picnic held at Masonic Island, Lake Metigoshe, North Dakota, U.S.A. I was however, ably represented on this occasion by R.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole, who delivered the main address.

1949

March 23-24—Manitoba was represented at the Grand Lodge Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, by your Grand Master, accompanied by M.W. Bro. William Douglas and M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey. On all of these occasions we were made welcome, greeted cordially and entertained royally. There was also conveyed to the brethren on these occasions the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

CONSTITUTION OF LODGES

I consider it one of my many pleasures to have presided, during by term of office, at the Constitution and Consecration of three new Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. At each of these meetings there was an excellent attendance of Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters. We hope and pray that these lodges may continue to prosper and each be a bright and precious jewel in the diadem of Freemasonry in Manitoba.

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July 3—Rice Lake Lodge No. 157, at Bissett, Manitoba.
July 8—Newdale Lodge No. 159, at Newdale, Manitoba.
July 9—Fenwick Lodge No. 158, at Brandon, Manitoba.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

During the two or three years prior to my being elected to the office of Grand Master, I endeavored to make it a point to attend as many District Meetings as possible. At the eleven District Meetings held during my term, each of which I attended, I noted an improved attendance. The District Meeting usually reflects the Masonic health of the lodges comprising that District. Each of the meetings was well conducted, showing time and preparation had been given by my District Deputy Grand Masters in the organization of their meetings.

AREA MEETINGS

Three Area Meetings were held in the month of May, at the following centres: Strathclair, on May 5th—Selkirk, on May 12th—and Wawanesa, on May 20. Each of these meetings were designedly chosen to serve a large area. The purpose of the meetings being to bring the brethren together, cutting across district boundaries, as the guests of Grand Lodge. At each meeting, a dinner was served and immediately following, the meeting was convened, where I delivered an address.

The Strathclair meeting featured the play "Greater Love Hath No Man" presented by the players of the "44 Club" of Winnipeg. This group, which comprises all the Masters of the Twelfth Masonic District in the year 1944, deserves much credit for the unselfish manner in which they contribute of their time and talent. They portray in the play adopted this year, many excellent Masonic truths in a very dramatic form. They are to be highly commended in their endeavor this year, to purchase from collections taken after each performance three "Projected Books" for use in hospitals by convalescents, at a cost of $250.00 each. A record breaking attendance of 308 registered at this Strathclair Area Meeting.

The Selkirk and Wawanesa Meetings were featured by a forum discussion on the Fellow Craft Degree. In the former meeting, the forum was conducted by the members of the study club of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, and in the latter meeting by the combined effort of members of the three Brandon Lodges, i.e. Brandon No. 19, Tweed No. 113, and Fenwick No. 158. Following the forum at Wawanesa there was held an interesting question and answer period.

LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND MASTER

Three Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are under the direct supervision of your Grand Master, The Pas Lodge No. 124, Flin Flon Lodge No. 153, and Rice Lake Lodge No. 157. These lodges due to their inaccessible geographical position cannot conveniently be placed in a Masonic District.

The brethren of these lodges, each in their own sphere, are groups devoted to promoting by their actions and influence, the ideals of Freemasonry. Nowhere in this Grand Jurisdiction did I experience such Masonic virility, warmth of fellowship or realistic optimism, well able to overcome those difficulties which block the way to a better tomorrow, in their several communities.

OFFICIAL VISITS

The following Official Visits have been made during my term of Office:

1948

June 9-10—Grand Lodge of Alberta, accompanied by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

June 16-17—Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, accompanied by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

June 21-22—Grand Lodge of North Dakota, accompanied by M.W. Bros. Douglas, Calvert and Pilkey.

July 3rd—Rice Lake Lodge No. 157, Officially Consecrated.

July 8—Newdale Lodge No. 159, Officially Consecrated.

July 9—Fenwick Lodge No. 158, Officially Consecrated.

July 20—Mass Rally Khartum Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Winnipeg, represented by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, D.G.M.

July 21-22—Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), accompanied by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

July 25—International Picnic, Masonic Island, North Dakota, represented by R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, S.G.W.

July 28—Third Masonic District Meeting, Swan Lake, Man.

August 11—Sprague Lodge No. 132, at Sprague.

September 9-11—Banff Conference, Banff, Alta.

September 13—Ninth Masonic District Meeting, Dauphin.

September 14—Official visit to Flin Flon Lodge No. 153, at Flin Flon.

September 15—Official visit to The Pas Lodge No. 124, The Pas.

September 17—Official Investiture at Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge of R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Junior Grand Warden.

September 23—Sixth Masonic District Meeting at Elgin.
September 30 — Tenth Masonic District Meeting at Transcona.

October 7—Fourth Masonic District Meeting at Morden.

October 11—Fifth Masonic District Meeting at Cardale.

October 14—Second Masonic District Meeting at Gladstone.

October 15—International Night, Doric Lodge No. 36, at Boissevain.

October 18—Killarney Lodge No. 50, at Killarney.

October 19—Past Masters' Night, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Winnipeg.

October 20—Seventh Masonic District Meeting, at Brandon.

October 25—Empire Lodge No. 127, at Winnipeg.

October 29—First Masonic District Meeting at Winnipeg.

November 2—Canadian Night, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, Twenty-fifth Anniversary. Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144, represented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, P.G.M.

November 5—Eighth Masonic District Meeting at Roland.

November 19—"At Home" Ionic Lodge No. 25, at Winnipeg.

November 24—"At Home" Tweed Lodge No. 113, at Brandon.

December 1—Crescent Lodge No. 103, at Elm Creek.

December 2—East Star Lodge No. 55, at Gretna.

December 9—Shiloh Lodge No. 70, at Roland.

December 14—King Solomon Lodge No. 8, at Morris (Installation of Officers).

December 17—Exemplification of Past Master's Degree by Past Masters' Association.

December 20—Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, at Portage la Prairie.

December 21—Tweed Lodge No. 113, at Brandon.

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January 13—Shiloh Lodge No. 70, Roland.

January 28—Twelfth Masonic District Meeting, at Winnipeg.

February 4—Fidelity Lodge No. 146, Winnipeg, Twenty-fifth Anniversary represented by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry "At Home."

February 8—First Principal's Dinner. Royal Arch Masons.

February 9—Official Greetings of Grand Lodge of Manitoba to Royal Arch Masons Annual Communication.

February 28 to March 2—All-Canada Conference, Toronto, Ontario.

March 14—Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145, Twenty-fifth Anniversary, Winnipeg.

March 16—King Edward Lodge No. 93, Winnipeg, "Irish Night."

March 23-24—Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Annual Communication, St. Paul, Minn.

March 25—Twelfth Masonic District "Ladies' Night," represented by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, D.G.M.

March 30—King Edward Lodge No. 93, "At Home," Winnipeg.

April 4—Manitou Lodge No. 30, at Manitou.

April 6—St. John's Lodge No. 4, at Winnipeg.

April 7—East Star Lodge No. 55, at Gretna.

April 8—Tuscan Lodge No. 141, at Winnipeg.

April 8—Pine Falls Lodge No. 154, at Pine Falls.

April 9—Meeting with Officers of Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, Great Priory of Canada, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in the Grand Lodge Library, Winnipeg.

April 13—Fort Garry Lodge No. 130, at Winnipeg.

April 18—St. Andrew's Lodge No. 116, at Wellwood.

April 21—Northern Light Lodge No. 10, at Winnipeg.

April 22—Transcona Lodge No. 123, at Transcona.

April 26—Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, at Elkhorn.

April 28—Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143, at Winnipeg.

May 3—Favel Lodge No. 126, at Minitonas.

"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, Fortieth Anniversary, represented by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, D.G.M.

May 5—Area Meeting at Strathclair, sponsored by Strathclair Lodge No. 106.

May 7—Rice Lake Lodge No. 157, at Bissett.

May 8—Rice Lake Lodge No. 157, Church Parade at Bissett.

May 11—Gothic Lodge No. 75, Austin.

May 12—Area Meeting at Selkirk, sponsored by Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

May 16—Binscarth Lodge No. 101, at Binscarth.

May 18—Deloraine Lodge No. 40, at Deloraine, Official opening of New Temple.

May 20—Area Meeting at Wawanesa, sponsored by Wawanesa Lodge No. 67.

May 28—Beaver Lodge No. 139, at Winnipeg, Emergent Meeting.

May 31—Annual Session, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

During the year it has been my happy privilege to present to several of our older brethren on your behalf, a Fifty-Year Jewel. This Jewel is a presentation made by the Grand Lodge for fifty years of Masonic service. I am deeply indebted to those who made the presentations when I was unable to be present.

V.W. Bro. Thos. S. Acheson, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, on October 19th, 1948.

V.W. Bro. Henry A. Wise, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, on October 19th, 1948.

R.W. Bro. Joseph E. Johnson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, mailed to British Columbia, for presentation on September 22nd, 1948.

M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, on April 21st, 1949.

V.W. Bro. Francis J. Dool, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, on April 21st, 1949.

W. Bro. Adam Reid, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, on April 21st, 1949.

V.W. Bro. Wm. J. Thurlbeck, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, D.D.G.M. First Masonic District, on February 7th, 1949.

R.W. Bro. F. C. Barber, Birtle Lodge No. 39, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, on May 5th, 1949.

V.W. Bro. Arthur E. Fry, Hartney Lodge No. 52. presented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Duthie, P.D.D.G.M., on September 23rd, 1948.

V.W. Bro. James Roper, Hartney Lodge No. 52, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, on September 23rd, 1948.

V.W. Bro. Robert M. Smith, Hartney Lodge No. 52, presented by R.W. Bro. E. A. Miller, P.D.D.G.M., in London, Ontario, on April 17th, 1949.

V.W. Bro. Duncan A. Campbell, Gothic Lodge No. 75, presented by R.W. Bro. R. J. Wallace, P.D.D.G.M., on November 17th, 1948.

V.W. Bro. H. Cecil Smith, Union Lodge No. 108, mailed to Bro. Smith, in California, on October 29th, 1948.

R.W. Bro. Charles R. Cannon, Strathcona Lodge No. 117, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, on July 28th, 1948.

FOOD PARCELS TO BRITAIN

Under the capable chairmanship of M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, this Committee whose personnel will be listed elsewhere in the proceedings have continued to forward parcels to Britain at the rate of Three Hundred and Fifty (350) per month during the year. The joy and comfort which these parcels have brought to the recipients have been as ministering angels to those who needed them most. The many letters received in acknowledgment must have brought to each of you pride and pleasure in being able to participate in that greatest of all virtues of a Masonic heart.

OTHER MASONIC BODIES

During my term I have been not a little concerned with the relationship existing between Craft Freemasonry and the other groups operating constitutionally within the authority of this Grand Lodge. These groups have been aptly described as ''Intramural Freemasonry'' or ''operating within the walls.'' Within the walls of Manitoba Craft Freemasonry we have Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Commanderies of Knights Templar, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry and the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. All membership in these Bodies are based on membership in the Craft Lodges. Each Body is in harmony with the fundamental laws set forth in our Ancient Charges. They all present a study and exemplify, in many ways the ageless philosophy set forth complete, in the lodge.

Representatives of all these groups were brought together to discuss two aspects of our relationship.

1. A suspended or a demitted member of a Craft Lodge should be automatically suspended from membership in these other Bodies.

2. The advisability of establishing a longer waiting period between the date a Brother receives his Master Mason Degree and his entrance into any one of these other groups.

In the former instance, all were in agreement. Ways and means were discussed whereby a satisfactory routine could be set up to implement this being done. In the latter, it was not possible to arrive at an immediate solution. It was suggested that the waiting period should be at least twelve months, and all were in agreement that they would endeavor to use their influence to this end.

We must continue in our Craft Lodges to establish a definite plan of education. Freemasonry in the final analysis is a way of life, a philosophy of life. It cannot be contained in separate compartments, one apart from the other. There is need for caution, lest we forget our Craft Lodge—the foundation upon which the temple rests. Anything therefore that runs counter to the best interest of Freemasonry undermines that foundation and defeats the purposes which the Craft down through the ages has been seeking to accomplish.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

To fill vacancies created by death or change of residence from this Grand Jurisdiction, I have recommended to the respective Grand Masters of Grand Lodges concerned, the appointment of the following Grand Representatives charged with the responsibility of being "Ambassadors of Goodwill" near our Grand Lodge:

Representative	Address	Date Commission Received
Costa Rica		
R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd	Emerson	February 7th, 1949
Idaho		
W. Bro. S. J. Sametz	Winnipeg	March 7th, 1949
Michigan		
R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatsky	Morris	June 1st, 1949
Nebraska		
W. Bro. Harry Kaplan	Winnipeg	June 1st, 1949
New Brunswick		
W. Bro. Robt. A. McKenzie	Roland	June 1st, 1949
New Hampshire		
V.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions	Winnipeg	November 22nd, 1948

Puerto Rico

R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms, Virden...........January 21st, 1949

Queensland

R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn, Winnipeg......August 23rd, 1948

Saskatchewan

R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray, Winnipeg...November 10th, 1948

Virginia

V.W. Bro. Clarence Hyde,
Portage la Prairie.............November 25th, 1948

Uruguay

V.W. Bro. E. A. Baragar, Elm Creek.........June 1st, 1949

I have also approved the appointment of the following brethren as Grand Representatives of Manitoba near other Grand Jurisdictions:

Representative Address Date Commission Received

Norway

Bro. Sigurd Halvorsen, Oslo ....July 30th, 1948

Panama

Bro. M. J. P. Gabriel, Panama...........January 21st, 1949

Rhode Island

Bro. Howard V. Allen, Warwick...........July 29th, 1948

Scotland

Bro. D. Macneill Watson, Glasgow........August 19th, 1948

Uruguay

Bro. M. M. Arancio, Montevideo.........February 8th, 1949

OBSERVANCE OF THE CONSTITUTION

I have not been called upon to make any official rulings during the past year. There have been several instances when through lack of knowledge of the Constitution, the officers of the lodge have not been able to cope with certain situations. These could quite conceivably create serious difficulties and wreck the harmony so essential in the Lodge. All Past Masters and the principal officers of a lodge should be familiar with the Constitution of Grand Lodge and the by-laws of their lodge. and invoke the rulings therein contained as the occasion arises.

There have also been two instances where the Constitution has not been observed. There can be no excuse for breaches of the Constitution. They constitute Masonic offences. Warnings have been issued on numerous occasions by previous Grand Masters against such practices. Our Constitution and Regulations must be observed by the lodges, and certainly by the Masters and Past Masters.

APPRECIATION

It is a pleasure for me to pay tribute to the work done by the devoted group of District Deputy Grand Masters who have represented me during my year in office. They have served Grand Lodge and the Grand Master well. I also wish to record my appreciation for the co-operation and assistance given me by the other Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and the members of the Board of General Purposes.

The reports of the various committees will show that this has been an exceptionally active year. Much has been accomplished. What has been achieved could not have been done without the expert guidance and support of our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey. He bears a heavy responsibility in the Grand Lodge Office and his name is known far beyond the confines of our Grand Jurisdiction, as a man of exceptional ability. I want you to know and appreciate the work of our Grand Secretary and of the unselfish way he has served our Grand Lodge. Unfortunately on April 1st, 1949, he was stricken ill. He is now recuperating slowly. We hope and pray he will soon be back in his office directing the work of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson. our Grand Librarian at the present time. lies ill in hospital. He has since his election to that post faithfully and conscientiously performed a worthwhile task in the Library. He has also been serving as Secretary of several Committees of the Board of General Purposes. We wish him to know that we appreciate his efforts on our behalf and that he may be given the strength and health to carry on with the work he loves.

May I also record my thanks to the office staff. They have at all times managed to attend to the many details and have assisted me in every way possible.

I also wish to express my appreciation to R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, D.G.M., for having accepted, temporarily, the duties of the Grand Secretary during the illness of M.W. Bro. Pilkey. And my heartfelt thanks to M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, P.G.M., who is acting as Grand Secretary during these Sessions; both giving evidence of the true Masonic spirit.

The outlook in this changing world seems so fraught with serious consequences to all, that it appears immediately necessary for us, as Freemasons, to consider again our pecular position in society, the influence of world trends on our Craft in general and how, individually, we should meet these changing conditions.

With the advent of great scientific power at our command, ever growing greater, we are seriously confronted with the problem of taking stock of our intellectual horizon . . . Having done that, we wonder in our perplexity if we can safely entrust that new found power to the peoples and the nations of the world. Our growth in the standards of living is marked by an increase in material comforts. The trend is toward materialism and our spiritual outlook may easily become clouded. Superimposed upon this picture we have seen the world within the past three years divided into two hostile ideological camps.

How is the young Freemason of today going to deal with events that are shaping up? As the builder must know what he is about to build, so must the Freemason of today know the goal of Freemasonry and the course he must take to achieve that end. He must surely hope to build a spiritual temple within himself, applying all the truth Masonic symbolism can teach. Some may say, we will wait to see what the future brings. But brethren, the future is made today.

What does Freemasonry stand for? It stands for tolerance, patriotism, equality, friendship and brotherhood. It cannot exist without self-respecting individualism, it ex-exemplifies the dignity of labor, it requires a simple religious faith. Above all, it requires a consciousness of Civil and Religious liberty for all men, able to perform their daily tasks without hindrance and without fear. These are some of the things Freemasonry stands for. They are but the building material which each must incorporate into the Temple that is now being built. Let us all as individuals, here and now, solemnly vow that we shall by our individual actions use only the best material, symbolically tried by the working tools of Freemasonry.

Disintegrating forces are fast working through our national life. Are we prepared to set an example by our daily lives in our several communities, and let the world know what we stand for? If not, the time may not be far distant when the opportunity will be gone. It has happened in other parts of the world and it can happen here.

James Hilton in his delightful little book ''Good Bye Mr. Chips'' portrays Mr. Chips coming to a realization in life, when he says ''For the first time in his life he felt necessary—and necessary to something that was nearest to his heart. There is no sublimer feeling in the world and it was his at last.''

If we could feel necessary to the work of Freemasonry, necessary as individuals, there is not a more sublime feeling in the world. There stands the challenge. How well you meet that challenge will be your answer to the demands of Freemasonry in your individual life.

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit, round by round."

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1) expressed the thanks of the brethren for the very fine Address given by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and it was moved by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93) that the Address be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. Carried.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

BROTHER WILLIAM DEWAR—ACACIA LODGE No. 111

At this point in the evening, Brother William Dewar, Secretary of Acacia Lodge No. 111, was asked to approach the Grand East, and M.W. Bro. McDonald delivered the following citation to Brother Dewar on his splendid record of faithful service and perfect attendance as Secretary of Acacia Lodge:

"This Grand Lodge has always realized that the strength of Freemasonry is maintained, not primarily by the Grand Lodge Officers, no matter how well they carry out their duties, but by the devotion of those who serve their respective Lodges faithfully, and who strive to live out their Freemasonry. It has been thought appropriate, therefore, to give some recognition, particularly to Lodge Secretaries, who have given long and useful service to their Lodges.

"It is fitting, then, Brother Dewar, that you should be the first to receive this recognition. You have the distinction of having served as Secretary for a longer continuous period than any other Secretary in this Grand Jurisdiction. You have now completed thirty-seven years as Secretary of Acacia Lodge No. 111—during all that time you have not missed one meeting of your Lodge.

"You have performed the duties of your office efficiently, but your work has been more than recording minutes and keeping accounts. You have had the opportunity of coming into intimate contact with every member of your Lodge. Year after year you have supported the Worshipful Master, and have had a strengthening influence on your brethren. You have won the affection and respect, not only of every member of Acacia Lodge, but of members of many other Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Because of your long and faithful service, because of your genuine interest in your Lodge and in Freemasonry, because of the fine influence you have exerted throughout the past years, I have the honor of presenting to you this jewel on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as a symbol of our gratitude and esteem. With it our congratulations, and our hope that you may long have the joy of serving the Lodge you love so well."

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONS

Commissions were presented to the following brethren whose appointment as Grand Representative had been approved by the Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges concerned:

R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatsky, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Michigan.

V.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Paraiba, Brazil.

V.W. Bro. E. A. Baragar, Grand Representative, (the first one appointed to) the Grand Lodge of Uruguay.

W. Bro. S. J. Sametz, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Idaho.

W. Bro. Harry Kaplan, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

W. Bro. R. A. McKenzie, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The M.W. Grand Master expressed the hope that these brethren, so appointed would correspond regularly with the Grand Lodges they represented.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 57:

Moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), and seconded by M.W. Bro. W. J. Major (25) that Section 57 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

> "By deleting the words, 'February and April' where they appear in the 2nd and 3rd lines of said Section and substituting therefor the words 'January, March and May.' "
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> Section 57 would then read as follows:
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> "Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at Winnipeg on the third Friday of June, September, November, January and March, and on the first Friday in

May, provided however that when such Friday falls on a public holiday, the regular meeting for such month shall be held on the second Friday."

The Motion was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 74 (i):

Moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), and seconded by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4) that Section 74 (i) of the Constitution be amended as follows:

> "By striking out the words 'Masonic Research and Education' and substituting therefor the following, 'Masonic Information.'"

Section 74 (i) would then read as follows:
"Masonic Information."

After considerable discussion, it was moved by R.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1) and seconded by R.W. Bro. A. D. Russell (142) that this Motion be laid on the table. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 75 (i):

> Moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), and seconded by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4), that Section 75 (i) of the Constitution be amended as follows:
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> "By striking out all subsection (i) and substituting the following:"
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> Section 75 (i):
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> "To control and supervise the library of Grand Lodge; To arrange for the preparation and distribution of Masonic literature; To encourage the study of Masonic subjects; To arrange for the holding of Area Meetings and to provide information or instruction in any other way it may deem advisable."

Due to the relation of this Sub-section to the one immediately preceding, it was moved by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4) and seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1) that it be laid on the table. Discussion established the fact that this amendment had nothing to do with the changing of the name of the Committee but was to clarify the duties of the Committee, the Motion to lay on the table was lost and the original Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 77:

Moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), and seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), that Section 77 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

> "By striking out the word 'February' where it appears in the 3rd line thereof and substituting the word 'March.' "

Section 77 would then read as follows:

> "The Committees shall act under the general supervision of the Board and shall make detailed reports to it at the September and March meetings. They shall make special reports at any time, at the request of the Board."

The Motion was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 78:

Moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), and seconded by M.W. Bro. N. J. Black (3) that Section 78 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

> "By striking out the figures '15' where they appear after the word 'May' and substituting therefor the figure '1.' "

Section 78 would then read as follows:

> "Every Committee shall send to the Grand Secretary not later than May 1st, a report covering its work for the year."

The Motion was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 136:

Moved by R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143), and seconded by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25), that Section 136 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

> "That in the 4th line of the first paragraph thereof, the word 'City' be struck out and there be added after the word 'limits'—'of Greater Winnipeg.' That in the first line of the second paragraph, the words 'the City of' be struck out and there be added the words 'Greater

Winnipeg.' That the third paragraph of the said Section be amended by adding after the word 'in' in the first line thereof the words 'Greater Winnipeg.' "

Section 136 would then read as follows:

Section 136:

"The territorial jurisdiction of lodges in Greater Winnipeg shall be exclusive within the limits of that area. It shall extend into any neighboring municipality, as long as no lodge exists there, to a point half-way between the limits of Greater Winnipeg and the nearest lodge in that direction.

"The territorial jurisdiction of a lodge outside Greater Winnipeg, shall extend to lines drawn half-way between its meeting place and those of the nearest lodges in all directions.

"In Greater Winnipeg, cities and towns, where there are two or more lodges, their Jurisdiction shall be concurrent."

The proposed amendment provoked a great deal of discussion for and against the Motion and when the question was finally called, it was carried by a vote of 152 for the Motion and 52 against

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 142:

Moved by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4), and seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), that Section 142 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

"By adding as Sub-sections (a) and (b) at the end of Section 142 the following:

"(a) A petitioner shall not be disqualified by reason of any physical impairment provided he is able to receive and understand the work of instruction in the various degrees and to explain or exemplify the same when properly required so to do,

"(b) Physical impairment after initiation shall not prevent the candidate from advancement."

As the amendment was for the purpose of clarifying the meaning of the Section, it was taken without discussion and carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 149:

Moved by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4), and seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114) that Section 149, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

> "That Section 149 be repealed and a new Section be substituted therefor as follows:
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> Section 149:
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> "If the committee finds that a petitioner possesses all the qualifications enumerated in Section 148 but that he has any physical impairment which would make it difficult for him to receive and impart the work of instruction in the various degrees, it shall make a special report to the Lodge with respect thereto.
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> "The Lodge, after having made such further investigation as it deems necessary, shall then determine by open vote whether it considers the petitioner is physically qualified under Section 142 and whether a ballot shall be taken. A favorable unanimous vote of all members present shall be required. If there be one or more unfavorable votes, the Master shall order the petition to be returned.
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> "The summons calling any meeting at which the report on a petitioner is to be dealt with, who has any physical impairment as set out in this Section, shall specify that a favorable unanimous vote of all members present is required before a ballot is taken."

There was some discussion as to the effect this amendment would have on some petitioners, but when explanations were given by the proposer, the Motion was approved and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) made the announcement to the Retiring District Deputy Grand Masters and to the District Deputy Grand Masters elect to be present with the regalia of their office for the Installation Ceremonies at the Thursday evening Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 10.10 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Walter C. McDonald, to reconvene at 10.30 a.m. the following morning.

Second Day

Thursday, June 2nd, 1949

Morning Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Walter C. McDonald, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, begs to report as follows:

Your Committee has not had a very arduous year. It has been called upon to pass on proposed amendments to the Constitution which are to be submitted at this communication of Grand Lodge.

We were also asked to report on the jurisdiction of the lodges in Greater Winnipeg, including Kildonan and The Dormer Lodges and gave as our opinion that all the Lodges in Greater Winnipeg have concurrent jurisdiction.

From time to time questions relating to the interpretation of other sections of the Constitution have been referred to your Committee by the Grand Secretary and in each case we endeavoured to give as intelligent an answer as we knew how.

A party who had received his degrees in Edda Lodge at Reykjavik, Iceland, applied for affiliation into a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and your Committee was asked to decide whether he was eligible for affiliation. Your Committee's opinion agreed with that of your Committee on Foreign Relations that the party in question was eligible for affiliation because he had received his degrees in a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark, with whom we have fraternal relations.

Your Committee submits its earnest hope that M.W. Brother P. T. Pilkey, our Grand Secretary, may soon be restored to good health so that when any of our members visit the offices in the Masonlc Temple the genial Doctor will be found behind his desk as usual.

Fraternally submitted,
S. HART GREEN,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry begs to submit the following report:

The report of this Committee is principally based upon the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, reviews of which are incorporated. They found almost complete harmony in their visitations. Your Committee feels that their reports have been conscientiously compiled and that harmony, which is the essence of Freemasonry, is very much in evidence in this Grand Jurisdiction.

It was pleasing to note the improvement in some lodges. These were checked against last year's reports; but there is still work, good work, to be done, to raise the standard of the Craft through its individual lodges and this work will be assigned to succeeding District Deputy Grand Masters. It has been helpful to the Board of General Purposes to have a good attendance of the District Deputy Grand Masters at their meetings and it must be of assistance to them. The Friday morning after Grand Lodge is devoted to assistance to them in the arranging for the carrying out of their new duties and a mid-term meeting for further review and discussion of problems is held.

Some Districts have very fine District Meetings; in some, improvement can be made. There is a variance in attendance that cannot be accounted for by the size of membership; this will be impressed upon the new officers. These meetings are particularly for the members of the District, it is their meeting to discuss their problems, for Masonic discussion and mutual assistance. The officers of Grand Lodge are present as visitors, to meet the brethren and to assist in a limited degree. It is an obligation of the Masters to see that the Secretaries' reports on their respective lodges are delivered personally or by the Master. Altogether too many of these reports are not presented. One District Deputy Grand Master proudly reports, and well he may, that the reports of all Secretaries were presented. Again your Committee desires to point out that these reports are meant to portray a picture of the activities of a lodge as distinguished from statistics. More discussion on these reports would serve a useful purpose at the District Meeting.

The office of Master of a Lodge is a proud, and should be a well earned and coveted preferment. It entails certain duties; a good Master will give to it the service in the lodge and outside, that it demands. The Master and Wardens must, if at all possible, attend their District Meetings and the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. These are duties they take upon themselves when they accept office; unfortunately some do not fulfil them. It is suggested that Masters endeavour to put younger members on lodge committees; if they have work and responsibility, they will be more interested in the Craft. A Master should carefully prepare for his meetings, be familiar with all business coming before the Lodge, and always have a "full" meeting, a programme arranged if there is no degree work.

Again it is necessary to call attention to the Historical Register. Surely some member in each Lodge could be made Historian and see that the register is properly written up. To many it would turn out to be a well rewarded labor; the history of a lodge becomes increasingly important as time goes on. Some Lodges have found they were late in getting this started and records had been lost. Some Lodges are reported as not having the new Constitution; some Secretaries are not yet bonded. This latter is simply a business procedure; it is in the Constitution and should be carried out.

The formation of more Study Clubs or Study Groups is strongly recommended. Whilst these need to have leadership, it is important that the majority, not the minority, take part. When a young Mason has to seek for his knowledge, he will have a better appreciation of it. In some Lodges, the Study Club has its own meetings, in others they are held in the regular Lodge meetings. The antiquity, history and symbolism of the Craft, provide ample scope for this phase of Freemasonry. Many

Lodges attend Divine Service. This is so fully in keeping with the traditions and teachings of the Craft that it is hoped more Lodges will make this an annual event.

Congratulations to the lodges that have built their own Temples. These are increasing; a healthy sign of progress. Many reports of Lodges stress the beauty of their meeting places. In these days of higher prices, fire insurance should be carefully checked. In many cases the amount carried is too low; the valuations of ten years ago is not that of today.

The five booklets issued by the Committee of Research and Education have met with universal approval. They fill a long felt want. They are beautifully and timely worded and should be of the utmost assistance to all Lodges.

The three Lodges consecrated since the last Communication of Grand Lodge, Rice Lake No. 157, at Bissett; Fenwick No. 158, at Brandon, and Newdale No. 159, at Newdale, have prospered exceedingly, the members very enthusiastic; a source of inspiration to older Lodges. In reading the reviews it is noted how splendidly some of the smaller Lodges are functioning. We cannot help but feel the brethren in these Lodges are leaders in their communities.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are summarized as follows:

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, D.D.G.M., gives very fine reports of all the Lodges in the First Masonic District. He thinks one or two of the Lodges may be too large. Only three of the lodges have organized Study Clubs, and particularly where such clubs are not active he urges regular fifteen minute talks on Masonic topics, and organized instruction for new members.

R.W. Bro. Emmett remarks on the fine assistance given by Past Masters in a number of Lodges. He reports a fine spirit of harmony in every Lodge. Only one Lodge in the District has not its Historical Register written up.

According to R.W. Bro. Emmett's reports the First Masonic District has a resident membership of 2,955 and an average attendance of only 858 at regular meetings. In a number of instances he recommends the appointment of an attendance committee. The work of the officers is generally good, and the degree work well organized and effective. He pays a high compliment to R.W. Bro. Fletcher Argue for his attendance and assistance during his visitations.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor, D.D.G.M. The reports indicate that harmony prevails in all the Lodges of this District. Attendance generally in the several Lodges is reasonably good. Work in most of the Lodges is good. A few of the Officers in one or two of the Lodges are reported to be a little weak. The Historical Registers are not all up to date, but apparently all Lodges have a Register. No statistics are given for St. Andrew's Lodge No. 116. The financial position of the several Lodges is generally good. The D.D.G.M. advised the raising of dues in two of the Lodges. One of the Lodges was not represented by any of its principal Officers at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. The D.D.G.M. witnessed a Memorial Service for two departed brethren in Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, eulogies, a service and a requiem. It is noted that R.W. Bro. McGregor is the fifth McGregor of Gladstone Lodge No. 11 to serve as D.D.G.M. The reports would indicate that he carried out his duties in an efficient manner.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. Hugh I. Skinner, D.D.G.M. In reviewing the reports of the D.D.G.M. from the Third District, which is composed of many of the older Lodges, one notices that the Lodge which makes Lodge visiting part of their community work, is always the active Lodge, whose meetings attract good attendance, and interested members.

Attendance average is still low and affords the Masters a great opportunity to plan their meetings, making them interesting and attractive to the membership, which would be a great advantage to the Lodge.

Lodges are not keeping their Historical Registers up to date, a duty they owe to their future membership, for the time surely comes when the history of the Lodge is greatly needed, and the advantage of a well kept Historical record will be a great asset. Three of the Lodges of this District were not represented at Grand Lodge by any of their principal officers.

The D.D.G.M. reports nearly all Lodges have their books audited, which is important to the Lodge as well as to the Secretary.

New Lodge members receive their ritual instruction under the direction of some skilled brother, which is the general practice. But it is not clear from the reports whether further instructions and explanations of the work are given.

The use of the set of five booklets issued by the committee of Research and Education can be of great help to the Candidate in his study and understanding of our great Art and help him to appreciate the meaning of Freemasonry in word as well as in act.

With the pressure of degree work, few lodges hold study meetings or have papers, which conditions make these booklets of greater advantage and fill in part the great need for education of the young Mason.

In studying the reports one feels that the D.D.G.M., Bro. Skinner, has carefully and thoroughly carried out the trust laid on him by this District and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cox, D.D.G.M. When a Master puts effort and preparedness into his Lodge work and Lodge meetings, one finds a Lodge that is a real asset to the community and the members enjoy attending, a fact that is evident from the D.D.G.M. reports of the Fourth District.

In some Lodges in this district, other than Masonic interests in the community are interfering with the operation of the Lodge and the Master and Officers fail to do their full duty to their brethren in particular and Masonry in general, with the result Lodge meetings are not planned, nor sufficient interest shown by the Officers, to attract the brethren, consequently attendance is poor. Here would be a great opportunity for a Master to start and bring back the Lodge to that important position in the community it once held, for many of the Lodges in this District have a long and successful history, and have supplied their full share of Masonic leaders.

While some Lodges in the District have fine active Junior Officers, others indicate the lack of leadership and interest.

It is to be regretted that more Senior Officers do not attend the Communication of Grand Lodge. This District is not a great distance from the City, and a first hand knowledge and acquaintance with the operation and membership of Grand Lodge would be a great help to create interest and understanding in their own respective Lodges.

A clear understanding of Grand Lodge and its operation gives an Officer a better appreciation of the work done by Masonry in the whole Province.

It is pleasing to note that some Lodges in the District invite the interest of the younger brethren, by giving short Masonic papers or a question box, a plan full of interest to both young and old.

A short paper of ten minutes can be used at any meeting, and provides that interest and appeal which leads to some brother becoming a better member and officer.

R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cox, D.D.G.M. of this District, has been both attentive and thorough in the discharge of his duties, and it is felt that the difficulties mentioned will, through his effort, be overcome.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. A. D. Russell, D.D.G.M. This District comprises thirteen Lodges the largest number of any in our Grand Jurisdiction. R.W. Bro. Russell, is an ex-School Principal, and his reports cover every phase of Lodge work and activities in a manner reminiscent of his life's work, and could serve as models for future D.D.G.M's. He has indeed been very faithful and efficient in the discharge of his duties and has presented valuable suggestions to the Board of General Purposes. A good working knowledge of and strict adherence to the Constitution, rehearsals for opening and closing and for Ritualistic work and for more inter-Lodge visitations, were among his recommendations.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, is raising $500.00 to furnish a ward in the new hospital at Minnedosa.

He is pleased with the fine spirit of Freemasonry in his District: rightly so as the Area Meeting held at Strathclair, on May 5th, amply demonstrated with a splendid attendance of 308. The "Baby Lodge" in this District, Newdale No. 159, has made splendid progress; their work is efficient and their enthusiasm unbounded.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. James McDole, D.D.G.M. His reports are rather short. If all the Lodges are functioning well, reports can be brief. The work of the Officers is reported as well done; two Lodges seemed down in average attendance; one Lodge had no visits; three have Study Clubs; and three have libraries. All Lodges have good halls to meet in with the exception of Napinka No. 77. Deloraine Lodge No. 40, is to be congratulated on their new Temple which R.W. Bro. McDole says "is the nicest proportioned of any I have been in." He reports that harmony prevails in this District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. J. W. Broatch, D D.G.M. A careful review of the Secretaries' Reports from the Lodges in this district does not show much in the way of information, and the reports of the D.D.G.M. are so diversified that it is practically impossible to class them together. We have a report of one Lodge with an inferiority complex; another reports that the work of Opening and Closing is only fair; another Lodge has not enough meetings to be efficient in either Opening or Closing, or degree work. Another reports a lack of harmony.

Dealing with these in rotation there is no reason why any Lodge should have an inferiority complex, as this can be very easily corrected by the Lodge itself, and Grand Lodge is always ready and willing to help any Lodge in difficulty. The work of Opening and Closing a Lodge is another matter, entirely in the hands of the Lodge, and the Master must be very lax in his duties if he allows this to continue. The same applies to the Lodge which is not efficient in Opening or Closing, or degree work. That is in the hands of the Master. Lack of harmony in the Lodge is a more serious matter, but as in this case, where it is laid on the head of one member, this trouble could have been adjusted and not let drag on from January to November, to the detriment of the Lodge. If the Master could not adjust this matter himself he should have called in the District Deputy Grand Master.

The rest of the Lodges in this District show that complete harmony prevails, work excellently done, and the Officers of the Lodges always in attendance. A member of a Lodge taking office should realize the importance of his duties, and only sickness should prevent him from attending his Lodge. The Lodges in this District would do well to look over the records of that new Brandon lodge, Fenwick Lodge No. 158, and see what harmony and co-operation can accomplish. This is one of the finest reports I have ever read. The District Deputy Grand Master has been most faithful in his duties, and during his term visited every Lodge at least once and in many cases two or three times. I would suggest that his successor arrange some of his visits at a later date, as during the harvesting season you cannot expect the farmers to attend Lodge after a hard day's work threshing. Another thing that should be impressed upon the principal Officers is their attendance at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication. This is held in June, and does not clash with any farm work.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover, D.D.G.M. In his reports on the various Lodges in this District, Bro. Glover has endeavoured to paint a true picture perhaps with the use of a fair amount of Masonic charity. He has noted certain things which have disturbed him; he feels that with good will these will disappear; it is to be hoped that he will endeavour to help his successor in office and give him guidance in these particular cases. But on the whole, in this District of smaller Lodges, his reports are favorable. Shiloh Lodge No. 70, is reported ready to build their own Temple. Sprague Lodge No. 132, an outlying Lodge of our Grand Jurisdiction, receives a favourable report, definitely better than last year. This is quite pleasing. Carman Lodge No. 155, are furnishing a ward in the new Carman Memorial Hospital. Many Lodges in other Districts do likewise, a very commendable effort. The need of writing up their Historical Registers is evident. The various Lodges are reported to have been very co-operative in lining up with suggestions and requests. A rather unique assistance to the D.D.G.M. was given by Junior members of Shiloh Lodge No. 70, in presenting a play "The Greatest of These." R.W. Bro. Glover is to be congratulated on his "Comments and Recommendations," he has quite seriously interpreted his duties.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. A. L. Wrye, D.D.G.M. The report states that the work of the Junior Officers was universally good; this is very encouraging and augurs well for the future. Too many of the Masters and Wardens were absent from Grand Lodge. Farm operations in this district were very late last spring; this seems to be the principal reason for this absence.

The eight Lodges are reported as quite active. Attendance at the visits of the District Deputy Grand Master was good. His reports on the whole gave a very favorable impression of the workings of the Craft in the Ninth Masonic District.

Three Lodges only report their Historical Registers written up; there should be an improvement in the carrying out of this duty. Roblin Lodge No. 122 reports furnishing a ward in the local hospital, also they are planning to build a new Temple. Vermillion Lodge No. 68, have built a fine new Temple. Congratulations; the older brethren will surely appreciate the short stairway leading to their new quarters.

The four Lodges in the Swan River Valley are reported as frequently visiting each other. This must be a very pleasant aspect of their Lodge activities.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. L. E. Gendron, D.D.G.M. He reports that peace and friendship prevail over the District. Out of the ten Lodges concerned only three Lodges are reported to have conferred degrees and in each case it was the Fellow Craft Degree. With one exception there is no indication that any of the Masters are conferring any of the degrees. This is not a healthy state of affairs, for no Master is worthy of the name if he has to rely on the Past Master to do his work for him. The members themselves take more pride in seeing their Master perform his duties, no matter how faltering he may be, than in seeing a skilled performance by a Past Master who has been conferring the degrees for years.

As no record is given in 1948 Proceedings of the average attendance, no comparison can be given but the attendance of the Officers under the circumstances seems to be good.

The Lodges have all had their books audited regularly and are in order, minutes properly recorded and Historical Registers up to date. One Lodge, Seven Oaks No. 148, is to be commended on having a Study Club. Ophir No. 112, appears to be making better progress this year.

Due to their proximity to Winnipeg, the attendance of the three principal officers is good, but two were reported as not having been represented although Grand Lodge Proceedings show that they were.

On his official visit to Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156, the D.D.G.M. was quite impressed with their activity and progress. They held a picnic last year and provided money for several gifts for the Old Country.

Lodge visitation is not as good as could be hoped for and more stress should be put on this form of activity.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. A. E. Weidman, D.D.G.M. He speaks of the attendance at Lodges on his visits as gratifying or good, it would appear from the last membership reports that they could be much better. In some Lodges he reports a poor attendance of P.M.'s which is very regettable and the "Work" was satisfactory or just a "yes" to the question of "Are degrees well organized and effectively conferred?" In several Lodges no degree work was done for the D.D.G.M , so no report could be made. It can happen that casual "parroting," ineffective, unimpressive or sloppy degree work creates a non-attendance problem, and it could be that P.M.'s. lose interest because they are never asked to work a degree. I do believe that D.D.G.M's. should see some work and give an unbiased opinion of such work for the benefit of this committee and the Craft. Let us not be spineless in offering constructive criticism. R.W. Bro. Weidman has made very concise reports; they might have been more informative.

It is pleasing to note that inter-Lodge visitations are being kept up to the extent reported. It usually follows that the Lodges where the finest degree work is done are the Lodges where most visits are made; then could it not be possible to induce a D.D.G.M. to ask, implore or beg of a Master to let his fine degree team go to a poor degree team Lodge to visit and work; of course arrangements could be tactfully arranged. Are we not losing a wonderful opportunity to instil greater interest in the work of making Masons rather than just members?

"Information Please" coaching, instruction, or study club groups in some form or other must work in every Lodge. In some Lodges it would appear as though only the essential coaching is given, in others there are classes in instruction, and in a few "Study Clubs." One Lodge reported has a paper given by a well informed Brother at an opportune time. Let us not fool ourselves about this matter for the newly raised member usually is keen to learn more and would be a good member and a better Master Mason if he had his interest further aroused by regular informative ten to fifteen minute talks. It would all add up to larger attendances.

A Lodge Library is a fine thing, but a greater interest aroused by apt questions and to the point, snappy answers not completely covering the point will lead most Master Masons to seek through the Grand Lodge Library the complete answer to an unexposed allegory.

R.W. Bro. Weidman has done a good year's work and his report on the work some Lodges are doing beyond the so-called pale of Masonry deserves a great deal of credit and commendation.

THE GRAND MASTER'S REPORT

To the brethren fortunate enough to have visited any of the three Northern Lodges under the special jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, this report bears out what they must have also found out, that these Lodges are models of Masonic harmony and good will and true Northern hospitality.

The Pas Lodge No. 124 has made steady progress, attention and interest improving; Flin Flon Lodge No. 153, exceptionally well conducted, their spirit leaves nothing to be desired. Both of these Lodges have a large average of non-resident members but average attendance is very good.

Rice Lake Lodge No. 157, one of our baby Lodges, constituted on July 3, 1948, has made very fine progress and exemplifies Masonic traditions and work in a most noteworthy manner; it is described as one of the finest Lodges in the diadem of Freemasonry.

Your Committee desire to commend the good and faithful work of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the record of their visitations is a proud one of service, they have endeavoured to discharge their duties conscientiously. This office is a very important one in the work of our Grand Lodge; it is felt that the following officers have lived up to its traditions and your Committee therefore recommends that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on:

R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett	First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor	Second Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Hugh I. Skinner	Third Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cox	Fourth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. A. D. Russell	Fifth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. James McDole	Sixth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. W. Broatch	Seventh Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover	Eighth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. A. L. Wrye	Ninth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. L. E. Gendron	Tenth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. A. E. Weidman	Twelfth Masonic District

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. COLE,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope (127). Carried.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, called on the following distinguished visitors to address Grand Lodge:

M.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

M.W. Bro. Wm. A. Henry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Grand Master thanked the two speakers for their kindly greetings and messages of goodwill from their respective Grand Lodges.

GRAND HISTORIAN'S ADDRESS

A contemporary writer in a recent book told his readers that if we live with these faces out of the past you will find lessons. If this country forgets where she came from, if the people lose sight of what brought them along, if she listens to the deniers and mockers, then rot and dissolution will begin.

The efforts of your Grand Historian over the past few years have been directed towards a better realization of what our pioneers gave to Manitoba and today we take up the story which only carried us part of the way last year.

We had reached the point where the original three families had secured their land from the Hudson's Bay Company and in this connection we should realize that the descendents of Andrew McDermott, Alexander Ross and Robert Logan are still numbered among our citizens in this year of light—1949.

The physical condition of the Hudson's Bay Company establishment—Fort Garry—which had been commented upon by Alexander Ross when he arrived at Red River Settlement in 1825, apparently worsened as the years passed. The urgent necessity to reconstruct the fort was fully realized by the officers of the Company and from the minutes of the Northern Department, dated 3rd July, 1830, we read:

"The establishment at Fort Garry being in a very dilapidated state, its situation not sufficiently central, much exposed to spring floods, and very inconvenient in regard to the navigation of the river, and in other points of view it is (resolved):

"That a new establishment to bear the same name be formed on a site to be selected near the lower end of the rapids (St. Andrews) for which purpose tradesmen be employed on the work done by contract as may be found most expedient, and as stone and lime are on the spot, these materials to be used instead of timber, being cheaper and more durable."

George Simpson presided at the meeting when this resolution was passed and from a report he subsequently made in 1831, it is quite evident he had definitely decided to close the establishment at The Forks, known as Upper Fort Garry. His report reads:

"I therefore determined last fall on abandoning that establishment altogether, and instead of wasting time, labor and money in temporary repairs of tottering wooden buildings, to set about erecting a good, solid, comfortable establishment at once of stone and lime in such a situation as to be entirely out of reach of high water and facilitate any extensive operations connected with craft and transport which may hereafter be entered into; and accordingly selected the most eligible spot in the Settlement about 20 miles below the present establishment, laid plans and commenced operations without loss of time, and I had the satisfaction of seeing the walls of the principal building nearly up before my departure, and hope to see New Fort Garry (the only stone and lime, and I may add, the most respectable looking establishment in the Indian country) occupied near Spring."

His remarks regarding the site at the Forks of the Red and Assiniboine being inconvenient to navigation is doubtless explained by the fact that decked vessels were used between Norway House and Red River and these boats could not ascend St. Andrews Rapids. Another explanation offered was that the principal fort of the Company should not be exposed to hostile attack.

The work of construction at the Lower Fort proceeded very slowly. We learn in the course of our research that when Alexander Christie took over command at Red River instead of abandoning the commanding, strategic site at The Forks he commenced construction of a stone fort there. This in addition to the one already being built at St. Andrews Rapids.

Christie was the man responsible for carrying on at the site of the future City of Winnipeg.

We learn from Alexander Ross, the new establishment of Upper Fort Garry had a frontage of 280 feet on the Assiniboine river and a depth of 240 feet, with high bastions at each corner. At a later date there was added a square of about equal size at the rear of the stone part, the walls being squared logs laid horizontally and pinned together. Today all that remains of this historic fort is the old stone (back) gateway, fortunately preserved as a historic site.

It is of more than passing interest to include at this point a minute of the Council of Assiniboia, dated February 12th, 1835. This contains a reference to the Fort then being erected at The Forks.

''Resolved, that a public building, intended to answer the double purpose of Court House and Gaol, agreeably to a plan to be prepared by the Board of Works, be erected as early as possible within the walls of the new establishment at Fort Garry about to be formed at the Fork of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, the expense whereof to be defrayed out of the duties to be collected from time to time on goods that may be imported into Red River.''

The new building mentioned in the foregoing minute would seem to have been well advanced by June 1836, at least that is my surmise from a reading of this minute dated 21st June. ''That tradesmen and labourers be employed in erecting and completing the necessary building of the new establishment of Fort Garry, and that a sufficient quantity of stone be quarried and hauled in the winter (1836-37) for the bastions and surrounding walls.

A quarter of a century had passed since the first party of Selkirk Settlers landed on the banks of Red River. During this period the various groups who had settled formed different communities along the two rivers to an approximate distance of 20 miles from The Forks. Here, where the City of Winnipeg stands only the three original families held land. In 1835, the grant of land made to Lord Selkirk was repurchased from the executors of the estate by the Hudson's Bay Company. During the next quarter century there does not appear to have been any effort made to bring settlers to our country. Let me relate a few events which took place during the period 1835 to 1860.

On June 25th, 1841, the Council of Assiniboia adopted an interesting resolution; i.e. ''The Municipal District of Assiniboia extended in all directions fifty miles from the Forks of the Red River and the Assiniboine.''

This was an important declaration and probably is the earliest regarding the boundaries of the territory under control of the Council.

We previously made reference to five different classes of settler all settled on their homesteads in different parts of the Settlement. (The Scots; The De Meurons; The Swiss; The French; The Half Breeds). A sixth and final party under the auspices of the Hudson's Bay Company now comes on the scene.

In 1848 several companies of the 6th Regiment of Foot, a detachment of engineers, and of artillery, numbering 18 officers and 329 men, that had been sent to Red River in 1846, for the protection and defence of the Colony when trouble was anticipated with the United States over the Oregon dispute, were recalled. These soldiers were replaced in the autumn of 1848 by a body of out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital. According to Ross, these latter came out in two squads of seventy each, the second of which arrived in 1850, under the command of Major William B. Caldwell. J. J. Hargrave in his ''Red River'' says the party only numbered fifty-six.

This group of pensioners had been brought out under specific conditions, particulars of which were contained in a circular issued by the British War Office, 5th April, 1848. Included in the terms was a stipulation entitling the new settlers, ''to grants of land not exceeding twenty acres to a private; thirty acres to a corporal; forty acres to a sergeant The ground to be of a description fit for cultivation and within two miles of the Fort.''

It was found impossible to carry out the arrangement in its entirety there being insufficient available land within the designated area. The allotments which were made commenced where the west side of Fort Street is today and ran west as far as Armstrong's Point. It is interesting to know that at the time of the transfer of the country to Canada in 1870, a number of these pensioners or their descendants were still in possession of the original allotments.

We now come to September 19th, 1851. On this day Rev. John Black, the long expected minister for the Presbyterians of Kildonan, in company with John Wesley Bond, arrived at The Forks. The two men had travelled from Minneapolis, across the plains together and Bond has left his story in a printed book for all to read. Let me quote a part of his description of the future City of Winnipeg.

''After losing ourselves several times and only finding our way with considerable search and difficulty, we finally arrived opposite the Fort at 3 p.m., heartily fatigued and glad to rest at the house of Narcisse Marion, a French Canadian . . .

''In an hour our boat arrived and we then proceeded on down to the residence of Mr. Alexander Ross, on the west side of Red River . . .

"The old gentleman met us on the bank, welcomed us to Selkirk (Red River Settlement) and escorted us up to his home . . .''

Bond gives an extensive description in his narrative and because it gives a first hand story of Winnipeg (The Forks) as he found it in 1851, I pass it on at this point.

"First glance of Selkirk Settlement. A village of farmhouses, with barns, stables, hay, wheat and barley stacks, with small cultivated fields or lots, well fenced, are stretched along the meandering river, while the prairies far off to the horizon are covered with herds of cattle, horses, etc., the fields filled with a busy throng of children—all reaping, binding and stacking the golden grain; while hundreds of carts, with a single horse or ox harnessed in their shafts, are brought in requisition to carry to the well stored barn, and are seen moving with their immense loads rolling along like huge stacks, in all directions.

"Add to this the numerous windmills, some in motion, whirling their giant arms, while others motionless are waiting for a 'gust.' Just above, Fort Garry sits in the angle at the junction of the Assiniboine and Red Rivers, with a blood-red flag inscribed with the letters H.B. Co. floating gayly in the breeze.

"Opposite is the Catholic Cathedral, built of stone in 1832, and still unfinished. The bare, rough, unplastered wall in front, is cracked and shattered, and is surmounted by two steeples, one finished and containing a chime of bells, the bare timbers of the other tower aloft, dark with age and nakedness. I visited the interior this afternoon and found a very spacious nave, which was being remodelled, as also the galleries, and men were at work on scaffolding, painting the arched ceiling a deep mazarine blue, and ornamenting it with wreaths and festoons of flowers." This narrative by John Wesley Bond was the inspiration of Whittier's well known poem.

Before the year 1853, the postal facilities of the colony consisted only of the packets of the Hudson's Bay Company; these were despatched twice a year. One went to York Factory in summer, and at that place, connected with the ship which came annually from London bringing the goods to be used during the ensuing season for barter with the Indians, and taking back on her homeward voyage, the returns of the previous year's fur trade. The only other opportunity which the people at Red River possessed of communicating with the outside world took place during the winter, when the Company's packet went overland to Canada. The return of the latter from Montreal occurred at open water in the spring, when canoes manned by Iroquois tripmen came from Lachine by way of the Ottawa River and Lake Superior. The trip took about forty days, today an air-mail letter takes but a few hours.

In 1853 a public mail service was first organized by some of the Red River Settlers, in prosecution of which postal communication took place once a month between Fort Garry and Fort Ripley in Minnesota, then the most advanced of United States Post Offices.

On 28th February, 1855, the Governor and Council of Assiniboia enacted that ''Mr. William Ross be appointed Postmaster and that a monthly mail be established between the settlement and Pembina, and that the sum of Five Pounds per annum salary be paid to the Postmaster.''

The balance sheet for the first year has been preserved and from it we learn the total annual revenue amounted to, approximately $500.00. Today, I understand the postal revenue in the Winnipeg Post Office is in the neighborhood of five million dollars.

It is interesting to know that the original building used as the first Post Office in Western Canada has been preserved and now stands in the Sir William Whyte Park, opposite the Canadian Pacific Railway station.

Life in the Settlement was anything but exciting because of its isolated position and there was no means of rapid transportation either by rail or water.

We get a picture of the future metropolis as it was in 1860 through the eyes of a newspaper man in these words.

''The first question of importance that obtrudes itself on one's mind on arriving at a strange place is, where shall one put up? and in reaching this settlement (Red River) it strikes us with double force. We are speaking antecedently.

"In 1859, Henry McKenney, of Amherstburg, Ontario, opened a hotel (Royal) for the accommodation of travellers, and it is the only one and the first that has been started here; the accommodations are good considering the difficulties he had to encounter, to explain which we will take a stroll through this part of the Settlement.

"Landed on the banks of the muddy river we at once discover that wharves, even though they be of a rickety character, are a great accommodation compared with their total absence, and much more so in a muddy and stormy locality. We get an ox-cart and have our moveables brought to the hotel, when we are at liberty to move around a little.

"Discovering that there is no town or village, we enquire for the nearest part of the Settlement and we are informed that it is much about the same for twenty or thirty miles. We look for some street, sidewalk or row of business houses for the accommodation for so many people, but find none. We enquire for the stores wanted to supply the demand for home and foreign articles, and are told they are very numerous all the way both up and down and that every other house in the locality is one. Let us take a walk around the stores—we travel a mile or two below the forks of the rivers and see no signs bearing either Groceries and Provisions, Hardware, Dry Goods, or Licensed to sell Ale and Wines.

"We return anything but pleased at our acuteness in not finding a store where every other house is one and ask if every other house is exposed or concealed. The good-natured half-breed points toward three or four houses and says, 'There are Mr. McDermott's stores, but he may not be in—you find him in that house most likely.' And he bids you good day with a twinkle in his eye as much as to say, 'Well, you must be very green, what country did you come from when you do not even know a store.' We start for the store.

"Arrived there we confront a lot of old buildings without any windows, and a rough looking door with a strong padlock, the whole bearing an air of a dilapidated barn, used to store odds and ends. We conclude to buy something, and after hunting up Mr. McDermott we enquire if he has so and so. He answers in the affirmative and we again arrive at the store; the door being opened, light is admitted and a smell is experienced strongly redolent of dried hides, Indian dressed skins and groceries.

"Upon entering, the eye searches in vain for counters, shelves, or the modern appurtenances of a store. A pair of rusty old balances supply the place of scales, and a larger pair of the same variety answers the place of a 'platform.'

"On the floor is a mowing machine recently imported, a lot of parchment skins (dressed raw buffalo hides) and moose skins for making moccasins. In a corner are a lot of these Indian shoes (moccasins); a box of tea, and tobacco opened, with many untouched, a lot of various colored and mixed beads in a box containing a lot of sundries; various other articles scattered about on the rough table-shaped counter, or the similarly constructed shelves; in a corner are a lot of barrels containing nails, sugar and such commodities, to make up the balance.

"Our demands being served but our curiosity as yet unsatisfied, we ask for some other article, of which there are many that take our fancy, and, in the meantime, direct our attention to a receptacle overhead, and are informed that those bales, three feet long and a foot square at the end, containing a lot of broad, thin, long slices of brownish colored material, streaked with whitish yellow, are bundles of dried meat. This is buffalo meat, dried on the plains and prepared for keeping or exportation; each slice will be one fourth of an inch thick, eight or ten inches wide, and from two to four feet long, with streaks of fat of various widths interspersed."

That was the pemmican of the pioneer and you have had a word picture of the first independent trader to enter the district in competition with the Hudson's Bay Company.

The first steamboat to reach Fort Garry was the "Anson Northup" which reached the forks on her maiden voyage 15th June, 1859. This opened up the settlement, more or less, to the outside world and from this date on we can trace a gradual movement of people who in due time formed the nucleus of our first citizens.

Between 1857 and 1869—a period of twelve years, there arrived at different times, several ambitious young men and we will give a brief account of these pioneers.

We find a reference in a publication of that early date that in the fall of 1869, there were eighteen places of business in the embryo village of Winnipeg.

Reference has already been made to Andrew McDermott and A. G. B. Bannatyne, who came here when they retired from the service of the Hudson's Bay Company.

In 1857, John Higgins arrived. For some years he engaged in the arduous duties of pedlar, roaming up and down the Settlement with his stock in hand. He always drove a very fine team which was the admiration of the whole community and with this advertising medium he built a wide and growing patronage. When shops and stores became the order of the day he entered into partnership with David Young and in a few years this store was the best known in the village.

Two years later—in 1859, four stalwart pioneers arrived. Henry McKenney, William Coldwell, W. G. Fonseca and W. H. Lyon.

Henry McKenney's first venture in the business world was a small hotel, the Royal, opened in one of the McDermott buildings. In 1861, he purchased a lot in a dry location some distance from the muddy river bank. Here he built a general store and Hargrave the pioneer author of the West says, "McKenney and Company are entitled to be considered the practical founders of Winnipeg." We are told "in 1862, they (McKenney & Co.) erected in a perfectly isolated spot where the Assiniboine and Red River tracks meet, a building 80x24 feet with a 22 feet wall." The so-called isolated spot was the spot we know as the corner of Portage and Main, and the Canadian National Railway offices stand on the site today.

William Coldwell, the second name on our list, arrived with William Buckingham (he did not remain) and they instituted the first newspaper in Western Canada. The paper was called The Nor-Wester and the first issue was published on December 28th, 1859. There is an interesting story connected with this venture. The enterprising publishers bought their material, type, etc., second hand in St. Paul while en route to the Settlement.

W. G. Fonseca comes next. He owned the property north of the Logan farm and his lot included much of the land now occupied by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The district was known as Point Douglas and the few people residing there, prior to the incorporation of the City of Winnipeg, always considered themselves residents of a separate and distinct village. Fonseca ran a store and from the advertising columns of The Nor-Wester in 1862, he announced that he had on sale "a large and cheap assortment of goods, including hoop skirts, pop guns, dressed dolls, fresh figs, spiced herring, frying pans and mugs." Truly it was a general store.

The fourth man of the 1859 group was W. H. Lyon. He opened for business in 1862, and centred his business mostly among the Indians scattered around Fort Garry. In a few years he developed into the largest wholesale grocer in Winnipeg.

The arrivals at The Forks in 1860, included Dr. John C. Schultz and Alfred Boyd. Dr. Schultz was a half brother of Henry McKenney. The doctor had a colorful career not only in his professional capacity which he does not appear to have practised to any great extent, but in several ventures including newspaper publishing, general store, fur trading, building and latterly politics. He became Lieut. Governor of Manitoba in 1888, and held that office until 1895. He was knighted in 1894. John Schultz was the Worshipful Master of the original Masonic Lodge instituted in Red River.

Alfred Boyd carried on a commercial establishment in the St. John's district and here as in Point Douglas the inhabitants considered they belonged to a separate village. Boyd was one of the delegates who met January 25th, 1870, to draft a Bill of Rights and on the creation of the first local legislature for Manitoba, he represented St. Andrews North and became the first Provincial Secretary for Manitoba.

E. L. Barber, arrived some time prior to 1862. He was a son-in-law of Robert Logan and carried on a business in Point Douglas. He built a house on what is now Euclid Avenue, in 1865.

Another prominent individual of the time was William Drever who upon retirement from the service of the Hudson's Bay Company obtained land which crossed diagonally where Portage and Main meet today. William Drever erected a store, 50x30 feet with walls 22 feet high; solid oak uprights eight inches square and filled with sawn logs four inches thick. This building stood on the site of the Nanton Building of our time. A heated controversy over the position of this structure enlivened the usually peaceful life of the community, the quarrel centering around the line of the old trail. As may be imagined trails in the early days usually followed the course which by-passed the mud holes of yesterday consequently the trail was liable to consist of many wheel tracks.

Alexander Begg, whose writings are most valuable contributions to the early history of Manitoba, came in 1867; Dr. Walter B. Bown, the first dentist, in 1866; Jas. H. Ashdown, James Stewart, the pioneer druggist, and William Chambers, who established the sporting goods house known in later years as the Hingston Smith Store, all arrived in 1868.

These men were prominent in the later movement that resulted in the formation of the City of Winnipeg and also the creation of Manitoba as a province. We do not attempt any biography in this address but we can with justifiable pride rank the men I have mentioned as the founders of the City of Winnipeg.

In the year 1868, the Imperial Government passed the Rupert's Land Act to provide for the surrender of Rupert's Land to the Crown, and negotiations for the transfer of the rights claimed by the Hudson's Bay Company began in 1869.

Locally, throughout the territory adjacent to "The Forks" there was general dissatisfaction over the agreement. The suspicion of a large number of settlers towards the surveyors who laid their lines over the land they and their families had farmed for years, accentuated the trouble particularly in the districts peopled by the French Canadians. We have obtained a photostatic copy of a petition to His Excellency U. S. Grant, President of the United States where his intercession on behalf of the Red River residents was sought. One part of this interesting document seeks "to secure a government of our own choice or a union with a people with whom we may think we can enjoy these blessings." Undoubtedly, the touch of the annexationists can be traced in this historic petition.

The story of Louis Riel and his occupancy of Fort Garry from November, 1869, until the month of August, 1870; the William McDougall episode; the work of the Provisional Government; the arrival of the Wolseley Expedition; are all too involved to be considered at this time. These matters properly belong to an address on the development of civil government. We might, however, take time to quote Section 8 of the Manitoba Act, 1870, because it is linked up with our local history.

"Unless and until the Executive Government of the Province otherwise directs, the seat of government of the same shall be at Fort Garry or within one mile thereof." Thus we explain the location of the Parliament Buildings on Broadway, Winnipeg.

Early in January, 1872, an agitation to obtain the incorporation of Winnipeg was started.

Among the citizens of the day was a group who were fearful lest some other aggressive individuals might obtain the necessary powers to form an organized municipality in another part of the settlement. The movement at the beginning did not enjoy unqualified support. Fear of taxation; personal greed; ambition for office; real estate manipulations; boom conditions; were some of the questionings expressed by the opponents to the proposal. A few openly ridiculed the idea of forming a municipality and one editorial told the readers of a local newspaper "in the matter of incorporation, some people seem to be getting almost crazy. They seem to imagine that it only requires incorporation to make the hamlet of Winnipeg jump into a great flourishing, magnificent, commercial city. For our part we cannot see it."

In November, 1872, a mass meeting was held and it was decided that "an act of Incorporation for Winnipeg is necessary." A committee was appointed to draft a bill.

The bill was carefully prepared and introduced in the Local Legislature on February 19th, 1873, but here it met with strong opposition, criticism and obstruction. When it came up for its second reading, an amendment substituting the name "Assiniboine" in place of "Winnipeg" was moved and carried with but three dissenting votes.

The following day, when the House met as a committee of the whole, the amended bill naming the city "Assiniboine" was defeated. It was then unsuccessfully moved that "Garry" be substituted for "Assiniboine." Still another amendment followed, this one being, "that the name of the City be Selkirk." This was declared carried and the bill as so amended was read for the third time.

The upshot of all these manoeuvers was that the sponsor of the bill moved that it be laid over until the next session of the House. This was the finish of the first application for a Charter for the City of Winnipeg.

As could be expected in a frontier settlement making an effort to organize itself into a properly constituted municipality the citizens were aroused to fever heat when the fate of the Act of Incorporation became known.

Perhaps the best sidelight on the reaction of the community is found in the words of a statement made by Dr. C. J. Bird, the Speaker, before the Legislature on March 8th, 1873.

"I wish to inform the House of a certain circumstance that occurred on Thursday evening or rather early on Friday morning. I was called out of bed about one o'clock and told that I was wanted immediately to visit a patient who was represented to be dying.

"I said I was unable to go as I felt unwell, so I gave them a note and sent them to Dr. Codd. After two, they returned and said Dr. Codd was out. I then arose and got into a cutter that was waiting at the door and was driven in the direction of Kildonan. Shortly after crossing the bridge at Brown's (opposite where the City Hall stands) I heard a call and several men ran out of a certain building, dragged me from the cutter and treated me to warm tar and otherwise bruised me. I lay for a little while unconscious and then managed to walk home.

"I think it proper to make this explanation as the indignity was offered to myself in consequence of the action which this House had taken on the Bill for the Incorporation of Winnipeg."

A reward of $1,000.00 for the discovery of the culprits was offered by the Government but no information was ever brought to light whereby the money could be claimed.

The next session of the Manitoba Legislature was held in November, 1873. In his address from the Throne, the Lieut. Governor, Alexander Morris, suggested the advisability of a charter being granted to the people of Winnipeg. The Bill was introduced on November 5th; received second reading on November 6th—and was read for a third time on November 7th. Assent was given on November 8th, thus, in the brief space of four days the City Charter became a statute of the Province of Manitoba—a new City had been created and the name it received was Winnipeg.

It is of interest to set out the original boundaries in the words of the legal description used in 1873.

"Commencing where the northerly limit of lot 224 in the Parish of St. John, according to the Hudson's Bay Company Register, strikes the waters edge of the Red River; thence north-westerly along the said limit of the said lot to where the same intersects the eastern limit of the main highway, from Winnipeg to the lower parishes; thence along the said highway southerly across the said lot 224, thence north-westerly along the southerly limit of the said lot to the rear thereof; then southerly along the rear of the lots in the settlement belt to the westerly angle of 249, originally bought from the Hudson's Bay Company by William Drever; thence south-easterly along the southerly limit of the said lot 249 to where the same would be intersected by the extension of the easterly limits of the street laid out by the said Hudson's Bay Company, between lot pensioners 54 and lot 1212, fronting on the Assiniboine river; thence southerly along the east limit of the said street to the waters edge of the said Assiniboine River; thence along the latter easterly to the Red River, and thence down the westerly edge of the same with the stream to the place of beginning."

To the citizen of 1949 this legal description is somewhat confusing. Translating it into the street geography as we know it the original area of Winnipeg consisted of the block of land as follows:

Starting at the river bank at Aberdeen Avenue, East, we include the south side of Aberdeen Avenue, East, up to Main Street; along the centre of Main Street to the south limit of Burrows Avenue; thence westerly to McPhillips Street, including the east side of McPhillips Street; thence south to Notre Dame Avenue; easterly from that point including the north side of Notre Dame Avenue to Maryland Street, south on Maryland Street including the east side to the Assiniboine River. follow the Assiniboine River to the Junction of the Red River. then along the Red to our starting point at Aberdeen Avenue.

In 1875, the jog at Main Street, between Aberdeen Avenue and Burrows Avenue, was corrected by being added to the city area. Then in 1882, the northern limit of the city was extended to include both sides of Luxton Avenue. A further addition was made in 1906, at which time the city was enlarged to the area of what comprises our Winnipeg City area today.

Let us return to our pre-incorporation story and get a glimpse of the place through the eyes of a new arrival.

A traveller who reached Winnipeg about the time the citizens elected their first City Council, gives his impressions of the newly chartered city. He wrote:

"In coming into sight of Winnipeg, the stranger, if he enters from the east, on St. Boniface side, is struck with the number of buildings which are to be seen for a long distance off—north, south, east and west. The prospect is that of a great plain, far as the eye can see, with houses at intervals, making a veritable city of magnificent distances. If the approach is from the direction we have already indicated, and from a central point on the St. Boniface side of the river, the first object that invites attention is Fort Garry, with its curiously made bastions offering but slight protection against rifles and howitzers, bombs and convincing projectiles.

"As we approach nearer the river we believe that our driver intends to drive full tilt into the reddish, muddy waters of the stream, that runs north; but soon discover that he has unearthed a curious looking contrivance, half wharf, one third scow and the remainder raft. This machine we are informed is the Winnipeg and St. Boniface Ferry. It has a capacity for carrying two teams and twenty or thirty passengers at each trip, and its mode of propulsion is according to the ancient law of the utilization of currents. A wire rope is stretched across the river, and the 'scow' is fastened to this by means of ropes and moveable wheels. It controlled by two hands—one fore and the other aft. When the men want to cross they push into the current and the ropes and moveable wheels do the rest, as the motion is directed in a straight line between the opposing forces, and the nondescript reaches the wharf opposite to that from which she starts, without any apparent effort. A bridge is contemplated—one in addition to that for which an appropriation has already been made by the Dominion Government.

"In justice to the City of Winnipeg, it is fair to mention that the nondescript ferry is not the property of the citizens, but that of the local government, by whom it is controlled."

The operation of a ferry service between Fort Garry and St. Boniface had been long established by the time the city had come into being.

One could tell an interesting story of the old ferry that plied across the Assiniboine river to the point which separated the two rivers—thence over the Red to St. Boniface. Duncan Macdougall was the ferry man for several years. He was a man of many parts and quite a linguist being competent to speak English, French, Cree and Gaelic. And he was a worthy, spending much of his time enjoying the hospitality of the several public houses then located at that corner of Fort Rouge.

Much as we would like to extend the story of "Mac Doug" as the Frenchman called the skipper, we must postpone that item for another occasion.

Well, we have arrived at Winnipeg at last. Where Fort Gibraltar and Fort Douglas stood in 1814, there now spreads the streets of a great metropolis. An unsightly group of Indian tepees has been replaced by a busy, throbbing hive of industry and commerce.

Seventy-five years ago it was the home of 215 souls—today its population exceeds a quarter of a million.

When this great City was incorporated it adopted an official seal bearing three significant words, Commerce, Prudence, Industry. These were the words chosen by the founding fathers and they have been handed to our generation as a heritage. They are the challenge of other days—the day of the pioneer. Truly they are significant of the faith that this country would expand and develop. Surely time has more than fulfilled the dream of yesterday and the facts have outrun their faith.

I am inclined to believe that my brethren appreciate and enjoy our brief sojourn in the realm of historic romance. It may be that many of this audience feel transported to a world, which like J. M. Barrie's magical island, "likes to be visited."

Personally, I get a lot of pleasure. My sincere hope is that all of us may return from our visit, blinking our eyes at the prosaic everyday world from which we have been lured and to which we now return very reluctantly.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Grand Historian.

The Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4) gave a most interesting and instructive address, bringing to a close a series of addresses on Manitoba. The Grand Master thanked M.W. Bro. Douglas, expressing the gratitude of Grand Lodge for the time and effort which had been necessarily spent to enable him to prepare such a splendid address on early Manitoba.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93), and seconded by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), that this Grand Lodge re-affirm its wishes that the Grand Historian's Address be printed in pamphlet or book form and that the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be instructed to take this matter in hand. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Investments begs to report for the year ended March 31st, 1949, as follows:

The Bond investments of the Grand Lodge were increased during the year by $16,000.00, bringing our total investment in bonds to $360,600.00.

The increase is distributed as follows:

Benevolent Endowment Fund increase	$ 7,000.00
Beneficiary Fund increase	9,000.00
Total Increase	$16,000.00

Our one mortgage loan has been reduced during the year by $775.00 leaving the amount of $6,025,00 invested in mortgage security.

The funds of Grand Lodge are invested in prime securities as may be seen by consulting the Auditors' Financial Statements for the year under review.

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL BURRITT,
Chairman Committee in Investments.

The report was presented by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. J. Major (25), and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Correspondence fraternally submits its annual report on the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions with which the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is in fraternal relations.

Practically all of the Jurisdictions have reported a healthy growth in membership and finances, particularly in the British Commonwealth of Nations and in the United States of America. Great interest is being shown in a number of Jurisdictions in youth organizations, and liberal contributions have been made in behalf of distressed Masonry Overseas.

The question of Negro Freemasonry is agitating the minds of some Grand Masters in the U.S.A. Some say that Negro Freemasonry is clandestine and no more. Some say it is a subject that they shall have to think about later, but there is nothing to do about it now. Others say that they owe it the obligation to leave it alone and not meddle in its affairs.

The broad subject of Masonic Education leads all other topics discussed by Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Committees. It is the belief of some that if the newly raised Masons can be imbued with the desire for more light, in the fullest sense of the term, they will become better Masons in mind and heart, with a deep and lasting devotion to the fraternity.

In this report we have tried to bring to our brethren many of the questions that have been on the minds of various Grand Masters for several years and trust that the brethren will find much to interest them in our report which has required many hours of research.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH M. KERR,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), and it was moved by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), that the report be adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Foreign Relations begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee reported one year ago that the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande Do. Sul, Brazil, The Grand Orient Arabe Syrian, and Grand Lodge National of Colombia had made applications for recognition and that the usual questionnaire had been mailed to each of these Grand Lodges.

We have received replies from the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil, and the Grand Orient Arabe Syrian, but to date we have received no reply from the Grand Lodge National of Colombia. The replies from the first two mentioned indicate that insofar as the questionnaire is concerned the answers were in harmony with our requirements. However, they are not in fraternal relations with many of the Grand Lodges we recognize and unfortunately they are in fraternal relations with Grand Bodies not requiring a declaration of belief in a Supreme Being.

This condition would suggest that we should be very cautious. For instance, if we recognize Grand Bodies that are in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France it leaves the way open for our members to sit in Lodge with those we cannot recognize as Freemasons. As some of the South American Grand Lodges we recognize are in fraternal relations with Grand Bodies not requiring a belief in a Supreme Being, your Committee has referred the matter to the Board of General Purposes in order that they may decide on the policy to be followed by the Committee on Foreign Relations in this regard.

Conditions in Syria are too unsettled to consider their application at the present time and no further action will be taken on the application of Grand Lodge of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil, until the declaration of policy is received from the Board.

The Grand Orient of France has again made application for recognition but their answers to our questionnaire indicate that they do not require a belief in a Supreme Being nor do they have the V.O.T.S.L. on their altars. So long as this condition continues we cannot, of course, recognize them.

The general condition throughout Europe has changed little since our last report. There are many good Masons in such Countries as Czechoslovakia but while these Countries are dominated by dictators there is little we can do about it.

Our prayer is that the day may not be far distant when we may again clasp hands with those brethren who have remained faithful to the principles of our great Fraternity during the persecution they have experienced during the past decade.

Our gratitude is again expressed to R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr, for his thoughtfulness in culling items of interest from other Grand Lodge Proceedings. These have been very helpful to your Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. HENDERSON,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), who moved that it be adopted, seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114). Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no announcements, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 12.20 p.m., to attend the Luncheon under the auspices of The Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg at 12.30 noon.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

A Complimentary Luncheon was provided for the out-of-town brethren by the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg, supported by the Lodges in the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts and Kildonan, The Dormer and Seven Oaks Lodges in the Tenth Masonic District.

The Luncheon was at 12.30 noon and R.W. Bro. Leslie C. Welsh (139), President of the Past Master's Association, presided. The guest speaker, was the Rev. Allan R. Huband, Minister of Westminster United Church, Winnipeg. The solos rendered by Edward A. Forrest, were greatly enjoyed by all the brethren present.

W. Bro. Rev. Canon F. W. Hughes (1), introduced Mr. Huband, who gave a thought-provoking address and was applauded vigorously. He was thanked by R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray (141).

R.W. Bro. Harry G. Kilpatrick (113), thanked the Past Masters' Association on behalf of the country members present for the splendid banquet and entertainment and the very inspiring address of the speaker, Rev. Allan R. Huband, whose address follows herewith:

"BUILDERS WITH GOD"

We are all builders. That is the Truth upon which the Order of Freemasonry is founded. We are all builders of character and of homes, and, therefore, of the community and nation. We all have our part in shaping the traditions of our race, and the moral standards by which life is governed, and in fashioning the church and other institutions of national life. We all have our share in determining the heritage that will be handed down to our children. Whether we would have it that way or not, we are all building these things—brick by brick, and stone by stone.

The question is not—"To build or not to build." We are building. The real question is—What kind of a building are we rearing? "Solomon built me an house," saith the Lord, "and what house will ye build me?" Are we building in the sight of God, a temple or a pig-sty, an edifice that will stand when the winds come and the rains descend, or a house that will fall?

Dr. William Stidger tells of an American pilot who was forced down on a Pacific island. He was afraid that he would fall into the hands of cannibals; but when at last he made his way to a settlement, he was received with joy, and conducted into the presence of the chief.

The chief was a Christian, converted by missionaries many years before. The pilot was so exhausted, that he desired nothing but sleep. But the old chief insisted on conducting him to the top of a hill, to show him the new church that had just been built. The pilot hadn't been in a church for many a year, so the proposal left him cold. However, he went out of courtesy to his host, and he was amazed to discover that there on that island was one of the loveliest little churches he had ever seen.

After expressing his admiration, he looked around a bit. Then spying a tumble-down, ugly building, half way down the slope, he asked, "What building is that?" "Oh," said the chief, "that's our old church." "Well, you've certainly made a vast improvement over that one," said the young American. And then the old chief "spoke a mouthful" which the youthful pilot would never forget. "Yes," he said, "as we come to know God better, we become better builders."

I wonder if that old chieftain didn't have the heart of the world's salvation in that simple sentence. As we come to know God better we become better builders of the home, the nation, the community, and the legacy we bequeath to children yet unborn.

The most important thing we build is character. As Edwin Markham has put it:

We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan,
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.

Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the world, unless
The builder also grows.

And that is true, not only because the edifice of character is what God is ultimately after, but the manner of men we be, determines the kind of world in which we live.

This truth is recognized by Masonry. In one of the finest expositions of the Order that I have read, Joseph Fort Newton makes the statement that it is not more laws, not more government, not more dogmas that we need, but better men—clean men, who stand upright in their love of justice and integrity.

The story is told of a poor New England farmer, who was met one day by a tourist. Surveying the poor soil, with the stones protruding through the earth, and the tiny little fields carved out of the rock and brush-land, the visitor said to the farmer: "What in the world do you grow here?" Straightening his bent shoulders the old fellow replied: "Sir, we grow men." That is the ideal of Masonry.

"What kind of a house of character will ye build me?" saith the Lord. And the response to that challenge must surely be found in the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes: "Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul."

Now in the building of this structure of character, Masonry calls our attention to three things:

1. The foundation must be sure. No house is any more secure than the foundation upon which it rests. Paul affirms—and all experience confirms him in this—that there is no other foundation for the good life than that which has been laid, even in the teaching of the Old Testament, and of Jesus of Nazareth.

What does he mean? Well, I think he means exactly what Jesus said, when He concluded the Sermon on the Mount: "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened to a man which built his house upon a rock . . . " These sayings of Jesus are the foundation. "And whosoever heareth, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a man which built his house upon the sand . . . " The man who neglects, or ignores, or denies, the principles of living as set forth in the Sermon on the Mount, has no foundation under his house at all.

Go through that great utterance, and you will discover what those basic principles are: Faith in God. Life conceived in terms of the spiritual, and its immortal destiny. Brotherhood as a practical necessity. Forgiveness, and humility, and love—the marks of a man who has come to maturity. And the necessity of inner regeneration and spiritual transformation, if we are to hope for any kind of a better world. These are the foundations. And Masonry says: LOOK WELL TO THE FOUNDATIONS.

2. Our structure of character should be symmetrical. The seer John, in his picture of the new Jerusalem, says: "The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal." Now he may be speaking of the city here, but he is really thinking of the citizens. A man has certain duties to himself—that is the length of it. There should be helpful outgoings of his life toward others—that is the breadth of it. And, if the proportions of life are to be equal, there are up-reachings of his life toward God—that is the height of it.

How often our building of life becomes a long, narrow corridor, along which our selfish purpose runs. Or how often, neglecting life's third dimension, it is a low, flat, square building, running to a good length in the satisfaction of our personal desires, and extending to a good breadth in social contacts with our fellows, but baking in the hot sun of a materialistic existence, because there is no vaulted roof, and no upper chambers of the soul. There must be that third dimension—the upreach of the soul toward its maker, the cultivation of the spirit, else the symmetry of life is destroyed, and the building is all out of balance. "What house will ye build me," saith the Lord. And we are to see to it—we builders—that the length and the breadth and the height are all equal.

3. The structure of character must be "on the square." A building of character is on the square when it has integrity. And if we want to be sure that our edifice is standing straight up, God will provide us a test.

The prophet Amos declared: "I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel." And that promise was fulfilled when the great Master Builder came amongst us.

Mathew Arnold once said: "Nothing will do as a standard but righteousness; and no other conception of righteousness will do, except Christ's conception of it."

So if you would know how true is your building, measure it against the plumb line of the life and precepts of the Carpenter of Nazareth. In the degree to which it deviates, we have some repair work and some straightening to do, my friends. And in the degree to which it conforms, we can thank God and take courage, and go on.

"Solomon built me an house; and what house will ye build me," saith the Lord.

But we do not do this building all by ourselves. We are builders together with God; and if we rule God out, all our building will come to grief.

A little girl was saying her prayers one evening, and when she came to the end, she spoke as follows: "And, oh

God, take care of yourself, for if anything happened to you, we'd be sunk.''

Well, nothing will happen to God, for His existence does not depend upon the perception or devotion of you and me. But if anything happened to our faith in God, then indeed we are sunk.

''Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.'' We use that text in introducing the marriage ceremony; but it is true, not only of the home, but of everything else to which man sets his hand. Ye are God's building. Let God be not only the architect and designer, but let Him build along with you, and your life takes on an eternal quality. We then have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. When we so build, we are building not only for our own future, but all things dear to us will benefit.

I wonder if that is not the fulfilling of our destiny here on earth? And so, as John Ruskin has put it:

> When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone.
>
> Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, "See! This our Fathers did for us."

Thursday, June 2nd, 1949

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 2.30 p.m. by the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Constitution and Revision submits the following report:

The most important matter dealt with by this Committee during the past year arose out of a report made by a special committee appointed to consider the admission to the Craft of a petitioner who is blind and the question of "physical impairment" generally.

This Committee considered the same carefully and submitted to the Board of General Purposes a report in respect thereof and submitted certain proposed amendments relative to the "physical qualifications" of applicants for admission to the Craft. This report, after being considered by the Board of General Purposes, was adopted and this Committee was requested to submit certain proposed amendments to cover the situation. These proposed amendments which consisted of an amendment to Section 142 of the Constitution and the repeal of Section 149 and the substitution of a new section therefor, were duly approved, the necessary notices of motion given in respect thereof, and the same will be considered by the Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication in the usual way.

This Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, also gave careful consideration to the Constitution generally and as to what changes, if any, were necessary in the interests of the various Lodges and the Craft in general and as a result thereof certain proposed amendments were approved and the usual notices given in respect thereof.

This Committee also considered amendments submitted by various brethren, not members of the Committee, and where advisable suggested certain changes therein and arranged that the same be lodged with the proper official and that the proper notices of motion in respect thereof be given.

This Committee also had referred to it by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master various matters such as the consideration of changes in or adoption of new by-laws by various Lodges, all of which matters were given careful consideration.

Your Committee wishes to make it known to the various Lodges and the Craft in general that if any matters arise, which, in their opinion necessitate an amendment to the Constitution, it will be very glad to co-operate with them in working out any amendments that may be necessary. If these suggestions are forwarded to the Grand Secretary either in completed form or in the nature of a suggestion as to what difficulty they desire to overcome, your Committee will give the same careful consideration and co-operate in every way possible. It is suggested that if any such matters arise that the same be submitted to the Grand Secretary at as early a date in the Masonic year as possible so that ample time will be available for their consideration.

Your Committee expresses its regret that one of its members, V.W. Brother Murdo Maclean died in the early part of the past Masonic year. We are sure that Brother Maclean would have been a very distinctive asset to the work of this Committee and regrets very much that we were not able to receive benefit of his advice and guidance.

Your Committee also expresses its regret that the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, who was always most courteous and helpful, has taken very suddenly ill during this past year, and extends its wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

The undersigned, as Chairman, wishes to extend his thanks to the other members of the Committee, The Board of General Purposes, the various officers of the Grand Lodge, and in fact to the Craft in general for their co-operation throughout the year.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

K. R. KENNEDY,
Chairman.

This Report was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh (139). Carried.

GREETINGS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald then called on M.W. Bro. W. J. Hunter, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and R.W. Bro. W. B. Congdon, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, for a few words to the brethren. This was ably done by each of these Distinguished Guests and the Grand Master thanked them for their kindly greetings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Research and Education, begs to report its activities during the past Masonic year.

This Committee, like those of recent years, has felt that the greatest field for its efforts was the guidance and instruction of the young Mason.

The past Masonic year has witnessed the continuance of that influx of new members, started shortly after the close of the war, and a concentrated effort has been made to assist lodges with material and information, which could readily be conveyed to the new brethren, thereby developing that interest and enthusiasm found in all Initiates.

Shortly after the close of the Western Conference at Banff, the many papers presented at the Conference, together with the very important discussions of the same, were printed and bound, and each lodge in the Jurisdiction received a copy. This gave the Masters some very fine material on topics of vital interest to all Lodges, such as "The Essentials of Vouching;" "The Employment of Lodge Members;" "Disabled Petitioner," etc.

These topics taken with the discussion of each subject as printed, must have been of great value to the lodges using them, and enlightening to the new as well as many older brethren.

The monthly paper "Masonry in Manitoba" has continued to be a splendid medium of reaching every member in this

Grand Jurisdiction and the articles selected by the Editor have been most timely and instructive. The great majority of the brethren read the paper with interest and appreciation.

We wish to express our gratitude and deep appreciation for the time and effort put into the paper by the Editor, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, and this Committee records its thanks accordingly.

While this Committee has made repeated offers to supply Masonic speakers, only a few requests were received, all of which, with one exception were supplied with speakers, who gave fine addresses, greatly appreciated by the lodge members.

Perhaps the most gratifying effort of the Committee, judging by results, was the publishing of five booklets to assist lodges in the direct instruction of the Petitioner, and the new brother, during the time he was passing through the three degrees.

The first booklet went to the petitioner after acceptance by ballot, and gave him a short concise explanation of the general organization of Grand Lodge and the formation of the constituent lodge as well as the practical angles, such as the financial and physical requirements, also the general duties that would be expected of him as a member, and finally the Declaration of Principles. We feel, in giving this information, the petitioner cannot be disappointed later, by not finding what he may have expected.

After receiving each degree, the new Mason is given a booklet which gives him a broad interpretation of the degree he has just passed through, and provides him with a fair understanding of what he has witnessed.

The final booklet is for the Master, to assist him to make his lodge meetings more interesting and instructive, thereby increasing lodge attendance. Judging from the interest and enthusiasm with which this set of booklets has been received by the Craft in general, they seem to fill a long felt need and the re-action of the lodges is most favorable.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge and express its appreciation of the fine work being done by that group of Past Masters of the Twelfth Masonic District known as the "44 Club." For some years they have presented Masonic Dramas supplied by this Committee, to the various lodges and this year they have been most successful in their charitable work and have received contributions well over Eight Hundred Dollars. Their endeavor this year is to provide projected book machines for the use of invalids completely confined to bed. The reception of the first machine at the Childrens' Hospital was a heart-warming experience for the members of the club.

The Area Meetings organized by this Committee for this Spring have again demonstrated the popularity of such meetings —the attendance of well over three hundred brethren at the Strathclair Meeting, May 5th, indicates that the brethren enjoy the opportunity of gathering with those brethren beyond their own particular Districts.

At the Selkirk Area Meeting on May 12th, a capacity crowd attended and all appreciated the Study Club meeting organized by Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, at Portage la Prairie.

The Area Meeting at Wawanesa, May 20th, was a splendid meeting and a keen interest was displayed in the discussions as organized by the brethren of the Brandon lodges.

Each Area Meeting was closed with a fine address by our Most Worshipful Grand Master and this Committee wishes to record its appreciation of the splendid assistance and help given by the "44 Club" and the brethren from Portage la Prairie and Brandon, whose co-operation and work contributed much to the success of these meetings.

The Library has again proven of great help to many Masonic readers; the kindly untiring help of M.W. Bro J. J. Henderson, the Grand Librarian, in co-operating and assisting the enquiring brethren, has greatly increased the influence of the Library, the studious brethren have found a Masonic mint on its shelves. Not only in guiding the reading of the brethren by suggesting suitable books, the Librarian is often called upon to supply material for some particular subject a brother wishes to use in a lecture or address, all of which is cheerfully supplied from the files of the Library.

During the past year the Librarian has been very successful in reducing the number of long over due books and these books are again on the library shelves and accessible to the brethren. While M.W. Bro. Henderson has not enjoyed the best of health during the year. it is the prayer of this Committee that he may soon be restored to good health again.

The Committee feels that the many lines of effort to assist lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction require one element to make them successful, and that element is the co-operation of the Masters and Officers of the lodges, to apply one or all of the aids promoted by the Committee on Research and Education with the idea of making their lodge Communications much more beneficial, increase attendance and have a better informed membership, thereby making it possible for the lodge to take its place in the Community as the centre of good fellowship and brotherhood.

A report covering the activities of the Grand Lodge Library by the Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, is appended to and forms part of this Committee report.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. BLYTHE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To V.W. Brother Fred H. Blythe, Chairman of the Committee on Research and Education:

Dear Sir and V.W. Brother:

I beg to submit my report as Grand Librarian for the Masonic year 1948-1949.

Books and pamphlets distributed during the year 1947, 505; for the year 1948, 641, and for the year 1949, 806. This shows a steady increase but there is still great need for improvement. The co-operation of all those using the library will greatly assist in accomplishing the desired objective.

Tracers have reduced the number of long overdue books still on loan but statistics which follow will show that we still have outstanding books dating back as far as 1944.

During the winter months it was impossible to meet the demands owing to certain popular study club books being retained by borrowers far beyond the allotted time limit. I know that those using the library are all anxious to promote Masonic Education. You can greatly assist by returning books immediately they have served their purpose.

Books loaned during the year:

Masonic	685
Fiction	61
Papers and Pamphlets	60
Total	806

Many books have been read of which we have no record as all but three sub-librarians failed to send in a report.

Comparative statement of books outstanding as of April 30th, 1948 and April 30th, 1949:

Outstanding April 30th, 1949:		Outstanding April 30th, 1948:	
1944	2	1944	5
1945	12	1945	21
1946	4	1946	13
1947	24	1947	99
1948	48	1948	73
1949	73	1948	00
Total	163	Total	211

Of the 211 outstanding on last report 57 are still outstanding. Extensions were granted two brothers on a total of seven books.

The effectiveness of a library cannot be gauged by statistics, valuable as these are. The work of the instructor and research worker extends the influence of the library to the rank and file of the fraternity and justifies its existence.

Many years ago M.W. Bro. C. C. Hunt, of Iowa, expressed it this way: "A very small per cent of the people have a college education, but the influence of the few who obtain it pervades all classes of society. So with the library, though comparatively few make use of it, its influence through the few who do use it is felt by every Mason."

Twenty sets of "British Masonic Miscellany" were purchased by Lodges and six sets by individual brothers during the year. In addition fourteen other books were purchased by Lodges through the library.

It is thought by some that this may mean a reduction in future loanings from the Grand Lodge Library but believing that "Knowledge is the Mother of Interest" I am of the opinion that the purchase of these miniature libraries by Lodges should, in time, increase the use made of the Grand Lodge Library.

The great need today is for books written in simple language and in an interesting style. The advanced student has little difficulty obtaining books that will meet his requirements as the great majority of Masonic books are, of necessity, written by specialists. Unfortunately for the beginner in Freemasonry these specialists usually write only for other specialists. The beginner has a very small list to choose from. The book in greatest demand during the past year was "Introduction to Freemasonry" by Carl H. Claudy. The writer seems to have grasped the view of the ordinary man.

Many of our shelves are crowded with books other than Masonic. This leaves no room for expansion in our Masonic sections and makes it practically impossible to keep each classification properly placed. We have sets of books such as Waverley's, none of which have been loaned since they were placed in the library. Some of these sets would be of real value in a school library and I wish to recommend that the Committee of Masonic Research and Education consider this matter and see if it would not be advisable to have such sets placed where they would do the most good. I feel sure that the persons donating these books would be happy to know they were being put to good use. The origin of the gift need not be lost.

I would also recommend that the setting up of a proper card system be given serious consideration by the Committee.

During my year I had the misfortunate of having to undergo two major operations. I regretted very much my enforced absence from the library while in hospital but I shall never cease to be grateful for the kind assistance given by the Grand Secretary and his staff during those days of discomfort.

I wish also to express my sincere appreciation to V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe and his Committee on Masonic Research and Education for their kind co-operation and assistance throughout the year. One of the Committee, R.W. Bro. H. H. Gray, with the able assistance of R.W. Bro. Geo. P. Fairbairn, conducted classes in public speaking. At each of these classes the brethren participating were given a choice of subjects from which to speak at the following meeting. These young Masons immediately became interested in the library as their source of information during the period of preparation.

This method of interesting young Masons in Masonic Education might be used with equally good results in other parts and I pass it on for your consideration.

Our initiates are enjoined to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge but it is of little use unless we provide the means. Too often the young Mason is not even made aware of the means at his disposal. The great majority never see the recommendations made by Grand Lodge. According to our ritual the duty of instruction is imposed on the Master. He is reminded at his installation that he is placed in the East, the source of Light and Wisdom. Too often his trestle-board is a blank. If the Lodge is to prosper and if initiates are to advance in Masonic knowledge, the Master must have a plan and take the necessary steps to see that it is put into action.

Let me again remind the brethren that the Grand Lodge library is theirs. Also that every request made to the Grand Librarian will receive prompt attention. Individually it costs you nothing. Not even return postage. Whether by mail or personal call the Grand Librarian is anxious and happy to serve you. Address: Masonic Temple, Corner Donald and Ellice, Winnipeg, Manitoba. When making a call use Ellice entrance.

The use being made of "Masonry in Manitoba" by the Committee has been very helpful.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. HENDERSON,
Grand Librarian.

These Reports were presented by V.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), who moved that both reports be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3). Carried.

The time being 3.00 p.m. the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the ballot closed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

We reverently record the passing of 236 members of our Grand Lodge. Brethren who have lived and worked for the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe and welfare of the Craft. These men in humble station or high office we honor in respect and appreciation.

The following have held office in Grand Lodge:

Sydney Foreman, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Thos. R. Ponton, Edgar A. Newcombe, Wilbur F. Pentland, Earl J. Christie, David A. Yeomans, Francis H. Dagg, Richard Kellett, Alfred H. Steventon and Joseph Mills, Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

Allan B. Fallis and Murdo Maclean, Past Senior Grand Deacons.

David Morley, Past Senior Grand Steward

Alexander S. Calder and Charles C. Lindsay, Past Grand Pursuivants.

"O Lord support us all the day long
Of this troublous life, until the
Shadows lengthen and the evening comes;
The busy world is hushed, the fever of
Life is over and our work done. Then
Of Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging,
A holy rest, and peace at the last."

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, let us rise and observe a moment of silence in honor of our Fraternal Dead.

This Report was presented by R.W. Bro. R. S. Montgomery (2), who moved that it be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138). Carried.

GREETINGS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, called on M.W. Bro. Louis E. Anderson, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, near that Grand Lodge. The Grand Master thanked M.W. Bro. Anderson for his kind expressions of friendship and added that it was a great pleasure to have one of the Grand Representatives near another Grand Jurisdiction in attendance.

The M.W. Grand Master also called on R.W. Bro. Charles Elliott, the Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and M.W. Bro. Albro C. Ayres, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. The Grand Master thanked these two distinguished brethren for their greetings and timely messages of goodwill from their respective Grand Lodges.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Leadership in the Craft today is challenged as never before in world history to reflect and to interpret to the brethren those qualities of solid citizenship which would sustain the right and freedom of the individual to seek virtue without restraint of any kind. The humanistic interpretation of truth, and freedom for the exercise of that principle in all that has to do with the well-being of others is foundational in the Masonic theory of living together. There are no doubts among Masons on such matters. The Grand Master has brought to the many duties and opportunities of his year of leadership firm convictions on all such, and as a good citizen in his own community, and as a good Masonic citizen at large has sought faithfully to confirm the aims of the Craft in these major guide-lines to human conduct.

The Grand Master has had a busy year, seventy official visits, many of them to local lodges, accompanied in all instances by other Grand Lodge Officers. We commend his attendance at the All-Canada Conference, at the Eighth Annual Inter-provincial Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers of the four Western Grand Lodge jurisdictions, at the Annual Grand Lodge Communications of Alberta, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, Minnesota, and the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario). Truly he must have lived on the road and in Masonic Temples.

Your Committee concurs in his recommendation for continued co-operation with the All-Canada and Western Masonic Conferences. Masons dare not be provincial in outlook under the stresses of modern times and must continue to glean from the strength inherent in these additional opportunities to the improvement of leadership within the Craft.

We are equally happy with him in the honor conferred by the daughter Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The Grand Master reports improved attendance at the District meetings and highly commends the purpose served by the Area Meetings all three of which were well attended and provided opportunity for fruitful discussion. He found the three lodges coming under the supervision of the Grand Master devoted in their efforts to promote Masonic idealism among their members.

Reference to the relationship existing between Craft Freemasonry and other groups operating within the authority of this Grand Lodge is timely and important. We commend his recommendation that membership in Intramural Freemasonry be brought into harmony with that in the Craft and further, that a reasonable time be allowed for a member of the Craft to become well acquainted with the principles and purposes of the Order before entering one or more of the related associations.

Special mention is made elsewhere of the illness of two of the most faithful servants of Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Pilkey, and the Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson.

Continued emphasis upon Masonic education is stressed as one of the all-important duties of the Craft to its membership.

Suitable reference is made to the loss sustained by this and neighboring Jurisdictions in the journeying across the great divide of brethren who had served the Craft with distinction. In so doing he emphasizes the supreme purpose of human existence as that of enrichment through providing treasures here in the hope and faith and simple trust in the hereafter.

We commend the Grand Master's reference to those Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction to whom having passed the half-century mark of service it was his pleasure to extend official recognition and to express the gratification of the brethren of the Jurisdiction.

In conclusion, the address once again stresses the benign purpose of all our united endeavours and is in its own right a clarion call to duty on behalf of those simple virtues and rights through which alone, can the lives of men be enobled and inspired. It is the privilege of your committee to recommend that the Grand Lodge express its appreciation for the conscientious and untiring manner in which our Grand Master has fulfilled the duties and responsibilities of his high Office and for this final accounting for the trust reposed in him and fulfilled so acceptably.

Fraternally submitted,

D. S. WOOD,
Acting Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90), who moved that it be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ACTING GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Acting Grand Secretary's Report beg to make the following comment:

The statistical report is most interesting. It is observed, in making a comparison with the previous year, that there has been a decrease of 173 in additional members which would signify that possibly we have already reached the peak year. There has been an increase of 25 in the removals, and while there were 15 less demits granted there were 19 more suspensions for N.P.D. and 20 more deaths. Nothing whatever can be done in regard to the latter, but we suggest the increase of 40% in suspension for N.P.D. within 36 Lodges, or an increase of 7 Lodges over the previous year, warrants consideration. The net increase for the year of 529 members is very gratifying, nevertheless it represents a decrease of 27% over the same figure in 1947 and 29% in 1946.

It is noted that there has been a decrease in the number of degrees conferred in the various lodges which can be attributed to the decrease in additional membership.

The list of dispensations granted for 12 different reasons from June 1st, 1948, to May 20th, 1949, totalled 121 or an increase of 26 over the previous year.

We respectfully suggest that greater co-operation be given by a few of the Lodge Secretaries in preparing correctly and submitting promptly their half-yearly returns. Notwithstanding the request made to the various lodges, some of the reports were incorrectly prepared which involved a great deal of additional correspondence. Other reports were late in being submitted, in fact the situation was worse than last year.

The activities of the year have meant a great deal to the office of the Grand Secretary. They have been untiring in their efforts, and the serious illness of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, meant much to the Craft in general and to the Grand Secretary's office in particular. We are most happy to learn that he is making steady progress and that it will not be long until he is able to resume his duties. Great praise is coming to R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington who quickly responded in accepting the responsibility of the office of Acting Grand Secretary. It was a strenuous task to undertake at this season of the year, nevertheless he has ably administered the duties of that high office. We would like to couple with this the able assistance of Miss Margaret Anderson who has always been a tower of strength in the performance of the many duties which that office entails.

The Committee wishes to express its grateful thanks and appreciation on behalf of all members in this Grand Jurisdiction for the report presented and for the splendid work accomplished by all.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

DAVE MACKAY,
Chairman.

This Report was presented by R.W. Bro. David MacKay (140), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. L. Wrye (68). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence begs to submit herewith its Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 1949.

Speaking from a statistical viewpoint we have to report that the number of beneficiaries under our care on the date already mentioned was 43. This represents an increased responsibility of 6 additional members as compared with our last report. The number as given one year ago was 37. During the year seven beneficiaries passed to the Great Beyond and two were discontinued because the need for further assistance did not exist.

We added 15 new recipients to our list and as previously mentioned, we have now 43 persons participating in our Grand Lodge benevolence.

The amount expended during the year was $8,213.57, as compared with $7,161.78, the previous year. We sent with the good wishes of Grand Lodge the usual gift of $5.00 to each beneficiary at Christmas.

It is most gratifying to report that the free-will contributions to the Benevolent Endowment Fund is considerably in excess of what we reported a year ago. These receipts are detailed hereunder:

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1	$100.00
Emerson Lodge No. 6	86.13
Kind Solomon Lodge No. 8	42.00
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	50.00
Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14	50.00
Ionic Lodge No. 25	100.00
Manitou Lodge No. 30	25.00
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	25.00
Hartney Lodge No. 52	100.00
Oriental Lodge No. 54	25.00
Russell Lodge No. 62	4.38
Composite Lodge No. 64	10.00
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	150.00
Shiloh Lodge No. 70	68.00
Crystal Lodge No. 71	25.00
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	25.00
King Edward Lodge No. 93	100.00
Miniota Lodge No. 102	25.00
Reston Lodge No. 104	200.00
Strathclair Lodge No. 106	115.50
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	19.26
Ophir Lodge No. 112	75.00
Tweed Lodge No. 113	75.00
Rivers Lodge No. 115	25.00
Norwood Lodge No. 119	25.00
Penza Lodge No. 120	21.57
Roblin Lodge No. 122	25.00
McCreary Lodge No. 133	25.00
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	21.00
Windsor Lodge No. 138	75.00
Meridian Lodge No. 140	25.00
Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145	25.00
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148	25.00
The Dormer Lodge No. 151	25.00
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152	10.00
Flin Flon Lodge No. 153	50.00
Rice Lake Lodge No. 157	100.00
Newdale Lodge No. 159	25.00
Fifth Masonic District	32.89
Ivan Amos (43)	5.00
Thos. Gibson (4)	10.00
E. W. Grant (7)	5.00
Stuart Parker (4)	5.00
N. Rothstein (141)	25.00
W. S. Taylor (14)	5.00
	$2,110.73

It will be noted that the three "Baby Lodges" contributed $150.00; Rice Lake Lodge No. 157, $100.00; Fenwick Lodge No. 158, $25.00, and Newdale Lodge No. 159, $25.00.

We would formally express our sincere appreciation to the several donors for their expressions of Brotherly Love.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN T. BOYD,
Chairman.

This Report was presented by M.W. Bro. W. J. Major (25), who moved that it be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Finance begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee on Finance, during the past year has carefully supervised all matters pertinent to the General Fund of Grand Lodge. Meetings of this Committee were held regularly each month to check and authorize payment of all accounts presented through the Grand Secretary.

Statement of Income and Expenditures as at March 31st, 1949, is as follows:

Income Budgeted	$19,330.00
Income Actual	22,961.56
Expenditures Budgeted	22,200.00
Expenditures Actual	19,805.31
Net Income for year over Expenditure	3,156.25
Surplus as at March 31st, 1949	20,225.63
Surplus as at March 31st, 1948	17,037.08

Actual Expenditure as shown above is $32.30 in excess of that shown by the Auditors, which is accounted for by some small payments made after the books were in the possession of the Auditors and not included in their report.

During the year the sum of $1,000.00 was allocated to the Committee appointed in connection with the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

To the Committee on Research and Education $450.00 was allocated for the printing of pamphlets for distribution to new applicants.

During the year the Finance Committee gave consideration to a blanket Fidelity Policy to cover all Secretaries of Constituent Lodges. This blanket policy would mean a considerable saving to all lodges and we would recommend to the incoming Finance Committee that further consideration be given this matter.

The Budget for 1948-1949 shows an income of $21,765.00 and an expenditure of $22,680.00, a deficit of $915.00. It is however hoped that by careful management there will be no deficit but in the meantime it is necessary in order to balance the Budget that $915.00 be transferred from surplus.

It is with regret we have to record the passing of a valued member of the Finance Committee, R.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman, who passed to the Grand Lodge above on April 18th, 1949. Syd. was a valued member of the Finance Committee, always genial and attentive to his duties as a member of this Committee.

At this time your Finance Committee wishes to express thanks to our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, who has acted as Secretary of the Finance Committee, for assistance cheerfully furnished. The duties of his office are conducted in a very efficient manner. All records to which it is necessary to refer are well kept and carefully filed for convenient reference. We also wish to express appreciation to the staff of the Grand Secretary's Office for assistance and co-operation at all times.

We regret to record the illness of M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Secretary of the Finance Committee, but are pleased to learn his illness is not as serious as at first reported and that he is now resting comfortably at his home.

Your Finance Committee was very fortunate in that R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington was available to take over as Secretary of this Committee. From his long experience as a member of the Finance Committee, R.W. Bro Coddington has been of inestimable assistance since assuming the duties of Secretary.

Budget showing approximate income and expenditure for the year 1949-1950, is attached to this report and is submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY T. WATERS,
Chairman.

This Report was presented by R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters (25), who moved that it be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. David MacKay (140). Carried.

GRAND LODGE BUDGET 1949-50

	Budget 1948	Actual 1948	Budget 1949
Income			
Dues	$16,000.00	$18,147.00	$18.500.00
Initiations	1,400.00	1,550.00	1,000.00
M.M. Certificates	1,200.00	1,527.00	1,200.00
P.M. Certificates	70.00	74.00	75.00
L.M. Certificates	70.00	89.00	70.00
Dispensations	40.00	288.00	120.00
Bond Interest	250.00	300.00	300.00
Supplies	300.00	986.56	500.00
	$19,330.00	$22,961.56	$21,765.00
Expenditures			
Salaries	$ 7,000.00	$ 6,275.00	$ 7,000.00
Rent	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Postage and Excise Stamp Tax	375.00	371.17	375.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	600.00	513.77	600.00
Expense Grand Master	800.00	764.82	1,000.00
Expense Grand Secretary, and	400.00	651.53	1,000.00
Grand Lodge Officers	600.00		
Area Meetings	800.00	851.89	1,000.00
L.M. Certificates		54.00	50.00
M.M. Certificates	105.00	132.84	140.00
Board Members' Expenses	800.00	514.75	800.00
Library Maintenance	1,700.00	1,396.11	1,700.00
Insurance	75.00	203.12	75.00
Masonry in Manitoba (paper)	2,000.00	1,561.44	2.000.00
Consecration and Constitution Expense	500.00	512.50	500.00
Regalia	375.00	328.72	375.00
Regalia Cleaning (G.L. Officers)	100.00		100.00
Masonic Research and Education	25.00	155.71	25.00
Condition of Freemasonry (Committee)		32.30	50.00
Unemployment Insurance	50.00	42.51	75.00
Exchange	30.00	34,15	35.00
Miscellaneous (Schedule attached)	4,665.00	4,208.98	4,580.00
	$22,200.00	$19,805.31	$22,680.00

MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET 1949-50

	Budget 1948	Actual 1948	Budget 1949
Proceedings and Financial Statement	$1,200.00	$1,189.06	$1,200.00
Grand Lodge Communication	1,300.00	1,034.25	1,300.00
Audit	200.00	200.00	300.00
Telephone and Telegraph	125.00	134.99	150.00
Travelling Banff Conference	400.00	325.00	400.00
Travelling All-Canada Conference	300.00	454.91	50.00
Flowers	150.00	69.60	200.00
Christmas Expense		131.80	
Masonic Relief Association of U.S. and Canada	60.00	59.56	60.00
Memorials, Woods and Burgess		48.60	50.00
Warning Circulars	25.00	37.53	50.00
List of Lodges	25.00	20.47	25.00
Safety Deposit Box	15.00	25.00	25.00
Typewriter Inspection	40.00	22.05	40.00
Charters for new Lodges		75.60	50.00
List of Officers and Committees	25.00	25.92	30.00
Bronze for Fifty-year Jewels		93.75	
Furniture and Fixtures		60.50	250.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	200.39	400.00
	$4,165.00	$4,208.98	$4,580.00

Estimated Expenditure		22,680.00
Estimated Income	21,765.00	
Taken from surplus to balance	915.00	
		22,680.00
Surplus March 31st, 1949	20,225.63	
Less amount to balance	915.00	
Anticipated Surplus, March 31st, 1950		19,310.63

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR EFFORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Special War Effort Committee submits the following report:

During the past year your Committee has endeavoured to keep in touch with the condition of the Craft in areas beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Manitoba, with a view to ascertaining where, and by what means assistance could be given in the re-establishment of Lodges and their work. It is unfortunately still true that uncertainties affecting the future of the Craft in continental Europe have made it appear unwise to attempt assistance in that area until more stable political conditions exist.

Information was received which indicated that assistance might be given to the brethren on the Island of Jersey, but on investigation it was found that their needs had already been supplied.

Later it was ascertained that the ancient Quatuor Coronati Lodge in England found itself unable to pursue its researches and the publication of its reports, through lack of funds. As a result of its enquiries, the Committee proposed, and the Board of General Purposes approved the remitting of the sum of $1,000.00 to Quatuor Coronati Lodge to assist in the carrying on of its work. The sum of $999.65 was remitted.

After the remitting of this sum there remains to the credit of the Special War Effort account the sum of $10,734.65.

Fraternally submitted,

BEN. C. PARKER,
Chairman.

This Report was presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158). Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5.00 p.m. by the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Walter C. McDonald, to reconvene at 8.00 p.m. for the closing Session.

Thursday, June 2nd, 1949

Evening Session

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Distinguished Guests entered the Lodge Room, the brethren singing the processional hymn "Praise my Soul the King of Heaven."

Most Worshipful Brother Walter C. McDonald called Grand Lodge from Refreshment to Labor at 8.00 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 106 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register.

Eighty-six Lodges represented by one or more of their three Principal Officers; 20 Lodges unrepresented, namely:

Manitou Lodge No. 30
Doric Lodge No. 36
Deloraine Lodge No. 40
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44
Killarney Lodge No. 50
Gothic Lodge No. 75
Napinka Lodge No. 77
Midlothian Lodge No. 90
Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92
Swan Lake Lodge No. 109
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110
Ophir Lodge No. 112
Mound Lodge No. 118
The Pas Lodge No. 124
Victory Lodge No. 128
McCreary Lodge No. 133
Cartwright Lodge No. 150
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156
Rice Lake Lodge No. 157
Fenwick Lodge No. 158

Ninety-nine Lodges have one or more Past Masters present and 7 have neither Past Master nor Officers present, namely:

Killarney Lodge No. 50
Gothic Lodge No. 75
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110
Mound Lodge No. 118
Victory Lodge No. 128
McCreary Lodge No. 133
Cartwright Lodge No. 150

Past Masters	421	
Worshipful Masters	73	
Senior Wardens	56	
Junior Wardens	51	
		601
Registered:		
Master Masons	76	
Visitors	22	
		98
Total		699

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRANT.
Chairman.

This Report was presented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3), who moved that it be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr (113). Carried.

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	1	14	17
2	Lisgar	1	1	1	7	10
3	Ancient Landmark			1	9	10
4	St. John's	1	1	1	17	20
6	Emerson	1	1	1	8	11
7	Assiniboine	1		1	8	10
8	King Solomon	1	1	1	3	6
10	Northern Light	1	1		6	8
11	Gladstone		1	1	5	7
12	Stonewall	1		1	9	11
13	Morden	1			6	7
14	Prince of Wales	1			1	2
15	Corinthian	1		1	10	12
19	Brandon	1		1	1	3
24	Neepawa	1	1		3	5
25	Ionic	1	1	1	6	9
27	Glenwood		1		6	7
29	Carberry		1	1	4	6
30	Manitou				1	1
36	Doric				1	1
39	Birtle	1	1	1	1	4
40	Deloraine				2	2
43	Lebanon	1	1	1	3	6
44	Oak Lake				1	1
48	Glenboro	1	1		3	5
49	Temple	1			7	8
50	Killarney					
51	Treherne	1	1		7	9
52	Hartney	1			4	5
54	Oriental	1		1	1	3
55	East Star	1	1		4	6
62	Russell	1				1
63	Holland	1	1			2
64	Composite	1			2	3
67	Wawanesa	1	1		1	3
68	Vermillion	1		1	1	3
70	Shiloh	1		1	6	8
71	Crystal	1			3	4
74	Elkhorn		1	1	1	3
75	Gothic					
77	Napinka				2	2
82	Cypress	1	1	1	1	4
84	Hamiota	1			3	4
86	Elgin		1		3	4
87	Rathwell	1			3	4

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
90	Midlothian				2	2
92	Shoal Lake				2	2
93	King Edward	1	1	1	14	17
94	Hiram		1	1	2	4
100	Robbie Burns			1		1
101	Binscarth	1	1			2
102	Miniota	1	1	1	4	7
103	Crescent		1		5	6
104	Reston	1	1		6	8
105	Prince Arthur	1	1		3	5
106	Strathclair	1	1	1	3	6
107	Lansdowne		1		2	3
108	Union	1		1	1	3
109	Swan Lake				2	2
110	Kilwinning					
111	Acacia	1			9	10
112	Ophir				2	2
113	Tweed	1			10	11
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1		4	6
115	Rivers	1		1		2
116	St. Andrew's		1	1	5	7
117	Strathcona	1		1	4	6
118	Mound					
119	Norwood	1	1	1	9	12
120	Penza	1	1	1	6	9
121	St. James	1	1	1	7	10
122	Roblin	1	1		1	3
123	Transcona	1	1	1	4	7
124	The Pas				1	1
125	Patricia	1		1	8	10
126	Favel	1	1		1	3
127	Empire	1	1		9	11
128	Victory					
130	Fort Garry	1	1	1	10	13
131	Kildonan	1	1	1	9	12
132	Sprague	1			1	2
133	McCreary					
134	Stony Mountain	1	1	1	5	8
136	Capitol	1	1	1	3	6
137	Lord Selkirk	1	1	1	4	7
138	Windsor	1	1	1	10	13
139	Beaver	1	1	1	5	8
140	Meridian	1	1	1	13	16
141	Tuscan	1	1	1	6	9
142	Harmony	1	1	1	1	4

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
143	Mt. Sinai			1	9	10
144	Fort Osborne	1	1	1	4	7
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	1	1	1	4
146	Fidelity	1		1	2	4
147	Jubilee	1			1	2
148	Seven Oaks	1	1	1	8	11
150	Cartwright					
151	The Dormer	1	1		7	9
152	Foxwarren	1			2	3
153	Flin Flon	1	1			2
154	Pine Falls	1	1		2	4
155	Carman			1	4	5
156	Manitouwapa				2	2
157	Rice Lake				1	1
158	Fenwick				1	1
159	Newdale	1	1	1		3
	Totals	73	56	51	421	601

Just before the Grand Chaplain was called on to give his Address the brethren joined in singing the hymn "Come, let us to the Lord our God."

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

"SERVICE"

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba at its last Session elected me to the high office of Grand Chaplain. I wish to express my appreciation for this honor conferred on me and on Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

I value the privilege of joining my brethren on the Board of General Purposes and thoroughly enjoyed accompanying the Grand Master on many of his visitations to the various Lodges. At all times I was shown the utmost consideration and brotherly love.

Tonight I speak to you on the subject of Service, and take my text from the Volume of the Sacred Law in Matt. 20, v. 27: ''But whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister and whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant.'' Jesus was on His last journey to Jerusalem, coming down from upper Galilee to the Holy City. He spoke of His Kingdom and of the tragedy awaiting Him in the city, but the minds of the disciples were full of other things. In fact an argument arose of who should have the most honorable places in that Kingdom to be established by their Master. Picture the despair Jesus felt at their blindness. With infinite patience He set Himself to teach the true nature of the Kingdom. ''Whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant.'' Would that this saying together with the exhortation, to become like little children in receiving truths, could be written large over the portals of every Christian Church and every fraternal lodge. Between them they sum up all that is demanded of Christ's followers in their relations with God and with their fellow men in the world.

Service means more than being kind and charitable in the modern sense of charity. Philanthropy is a conspicuous Christian duty, but it is not the same as service. We are so accustomed to watering down the teaching of our Lord. He calls us to take up our Cross and follow Him, and we interpret His appeal in terms of an occasional attendance at Church and giving up some luxury during seasons of self denial; another, love your enemies, to mean abstain from active hatred or open violence to those who wrong you; another, judge not, to mean refraining from passing formal sentence in a law court, and yet we spend many an hour in idle gossip over the failings of our friends. These teachings require study and honest effort to put them into practice. In these and other matters we have changed the teachings of Jesus to our standards instead of raising our standards to His level, and so with service, which He taught to be one of the fundamental christian duties, we persuade ourselves to be charitable by helping those who are weaker than we are, and by showing some interest in the poor. These are divine commands, indeed a bounden duty, but far short of service. At best these are outward and visible signs and at worst may have nothing of the true spirit of Service in them.

We have our Benevolent Fund from which grants are made to needy brethren, food parcels have been sent to Britain, Children's Hospitals have been erected and endowed. Individual lodges have given scholarships to encourage education among the less fortunate. These are steps in the right direction, but they could be developed still further. There are so many ways we can be of service to our community.

Service consists not so much in what we do as in the spirit in which we perform those tasks. St. Paul made clear in his letter to the Church at Corinth what true charity is, that we may give all our goods to feed the poor and our bodies to be burned, but if brotherly love is lacking neither the one offering or the other would profit us. Many will remember the procession of unemployed some years ago in London, England. They marched with banners inscribed with this slogan, ''we want justice not charity,'' not the dole but the chance to earn a living. Some thought this an evidence of base ingratitute on the part of the poor; but they wanted more definite action to relieve the depression, it is service not charity that I ask of you.

We must recognize that in the mind of Jesus, service is something that goes down to the roots of men's character, a vital part of his whole attitude to life. If on the one hand we are to avoid the watering down of the Master's teaching, on the other hand we must be on our guard against reading into those truths more than He intended. For instance, humility is essential to service, yet true humility is not self depreciation or to cringe under the arrogance of brute force. We can be humble and still recognize the gifts and talents God gave us, also to exercise a resolute determination to oppose the pretentions of proud oppressors. Otherwise Jesus was not humble, because he was fully conscious of His powers and never failed to denounce hypocrisy, cruelty, or oppression.

What then did service mean for Jesus? His whole life was one of service. He mixed freely with people of every kind. It is a common practice for leaders in politics, in church, or other spheres to keep aloof from the rank and file in order to preserve dignity and authority. It was not so with Jesus. He had no false pride, no fear of losing cast by making Himself too readily accessible. It was enough that man or woman needed what he had to give: A prominent Pharisee, like Nicodemus, came to Him for light, a ruler of the Synagogue, Jarius, had a sick child to be healed, a cynical worldly Samaritan woman would talk with him at a well, a sinner taken in the act was brought to Him for sentence. He never allowed what He was to create barriers. Conscious as He was of His powers He never dreamed to use them simply for selfish ends.

Life for our Lord was just the chance of serving God and His fellowmen. The powers He possessed were a trust to be used for God's glory and the building of His Kingdom. This is the spirit He looked for in His followers. So we will not depreciate ourselves or wrap up the one talent in a napkin, which is false humility akin to laziness, but we ought to know our powers, our special gift, and capacity. All that a Christian should ask is that he be useful and do something to make life better for those about him. Henry Drummond said "to move among the people on the common street, to meet them in the market place on equal terms, to live among them not as Saint or Monk but as brother man with brother man, to bear the burdens of society and to relieve its needs in Christ's spirit and for Christ's end, this is the religion of the Son of Man."

The Grand Chaplain, R.W. Brother Rev. R. S. Montgomery (2), was thanked by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), who asked the brethren to show their appreciation of the fine address.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Certificates were presented to Past District Deputy Grand Masters by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who thanked them sincerely for their co-operation and faithfulness to duty. He also presented Certificates of rank to the Appointed Officers, thanking them also for their loyalty and attention to duty.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTION, 1949-1950

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the election of officers and eight members of the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years and one member for a term of one year also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Harry Coddington was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Charles E. Cole was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of Hugh A. Innes was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Gordon A. McMorran Robert M. Muckle

The number of ballots cast was 584, of which 580 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 291. Brother McMorran received the necessary quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of W. Percy White was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY the name of Peter T. Pilkey was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN the name of R. S. Montgomery was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

R. F. Bingham Fred H. Blythe

The number of ballots cast was 584, of which 580 were valid. (4 were spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 291. Brother Blythe received the necessary quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of J. J. Henderson was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES for one year term the name of Thos. L. Dodsworth was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES for two year term fourteen names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Rod A. Copland
Robt. E. Emmett
Geo. P. Fairbairn
Geo. V. Henderson
J. D. Lloyd
A. S. McCann
David MacKay
C. A. Midwinter
John P. Mowat
W. A. Prugh
D. W. Smith
J. W. Tackaberry
Harvey T. Waters
A. E. Weidman

The number of ballots cast was 584 of which 577 were valid. (7 were spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 65. The following named brethren received the required quota or an equivalent to elect.

R. E. Emmett
Geo. P. Fairbairn
Geo. V. Henderson
J. D. Lloyd
C. A. Midwinter
J. P. Mowat
A. S. McCann
W. A. Prugh

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District the name of Alex. Campbell was the only one submitted in nomination.

Second Masonic District the name of Samuel H. Prowse was the only one submitted in nomination.

Third Masonic District no names were submitted in nomination.

Fourth Masonic District the name of Edgar Jarvis was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fifth Masonic District three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Howard M. Spearin
Wm. Dillon
Fred W. Tarrant

The number of ballots cast was 50, of which 49 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 25. Brother Spearin received the necessary quota.

Sixth Masonic District the name of Gilbert H. Grant was the only one submitted in nomination.

Seventh Masonic District the name of Herbert J. Jones was the only one submitted in nomination.

Eighth Masonic District the name of Geoffrey J. Long was the only one submitted in nomination.

Ninth Masonic District the name of Albert Caughlin was the only one submitted in nomination.

Tenth Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination:

John Norquay
Albert C. Pritchard

The number of ballots cast was 77 of which 76 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 39. Brother Norquay received the necessary quota to elect.

Twelfth Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Alex E. Duff	David Milliken

The number of ballots cast were 97 of which 97 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 49. Brother Milliken received the necessary quota.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4). Carried

The Grand Master declared the several officers of Grand Lodge and the members of the Board of General Purposes duly elected in terms of the Committee's Report, after which he read a Special Report from the Third Masonic District on the election of W. Bro. Herbert Edward Hopkins (117), as District Deputy Grand Master of that District. The election having been carried out at a special meeting under Dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

APPRECIATION

The following resolution of thanks and appreciation was adopted by Grand Lodge:

To Brothers J. Kerr Wilson and W. E. Wilson, for their splendid contribution to the musical portion of Grand Lodge.

To the Management and Staff of the Royal Alexandra Hotel, for their thoughtfulness to our guests and to the arrangements for our Grand Lodge Sessions and for their usual courteous attention and assistance.

To the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Elections, who with his staff have performed such a fine piece of work for Grand Lodge.

Special: To M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, to whom this Grand Lodge wishes to express its deep gratitude and sincere thanks, in acting as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge Sessions; a duty he performed most efficiently and with dispatch.

And to all those brethren who assisted so ably in carrying out the Sessions of our Annual Communication.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Walter C. McDonald, asked the brethren to join in singing the Installa-Hymn, "A Charge to keep I have," after which he called on M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (158) to assume the gavel as Grand Installing Officer, assisted by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130) as Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

At the close of the Installation Ceremonies, M.W. Bro. Donovan, drew attention to the unique situation this year in Grand Lodge, when a father and son were installed into Office at the same Ceremony: R.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran (27), as Junior Grand Warden, and W. Bro. G. Lyall McMorran (104), as Grand Organist. He expressed his pleasure on having the honor of being Installing Officer on this occasion.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, were duly installed and invested in office, with the exception of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Librarian and Grand Historian, who were re-elected to their respective Grand Lodge Offices:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1949-1950

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1)	Winnipeg
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. Chas E. Cole (7)	Portage la Prairie
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27)	Souris
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4)	Winnipeg

Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery (2)	Selkirk
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102)	St. James
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. Frank R. Sutton (157)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. Israel Guttman (143)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. Austin D. Blair (64)	Alexander
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. Jas. W. Rousell (15)	Rapid City
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. G. Lyall McMorran (104)	Reston
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. Walter K. Mulock (1)	Winnipeg
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. C. L. Anderson (27)	Carroll

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1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell (114)	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. S. Harry Prowse (7)	Portage la Prairie
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. E. Hopkins (117)	Belmont
4th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Edgar J. Jarvis (50)	Killarney
5th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. M. Spearin (15)	Pettapiece
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. H. Grant (27)	Souris
7th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. J. Jones (74)	Elkhorn
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. J. Long (6)	Emerson
9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. A. Caughlin (147)	Bowsman
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. John Norquay (2)	East Kildonan
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. David Milliken (140)	Winnipeg

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R.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran (27), Junior Grand Warden, Souris
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), Grand Treasurer . . . . Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25), Grand Secretary . . . . . . Winnipeg
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R.W. Bro. David Milliken (140), D.D.G.M. 12th Masonic District, Winnipeg

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1948

For a Two-Year Term

R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2)	Clandeboye
R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24)	Neepawa
R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27)	Souris
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope (127)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138)	St. Vital
V.W. Bro. Murdo MacLean (139), Deceased	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray (141)	Winnipeg

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1949

For a One-Year Term

V.W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth (4)	Winnipeg

For a Two-year Term

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann (4)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd (6)	Emerson
R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson (106)	Strathclair
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter (111)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)	Brandon
R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)	St. James
R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn (130)	Winnipeg
V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139)	Winnipeg

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R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter

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R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope

The Grand Master, the President of the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Secretary are ex-officio members of all committees.

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, retiring Grand Master, presented M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Grand Master elect, with a Grand Master's Collar, Jewel and Apron on behalf of Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, in accepting the Regalia expressed his thanks and appreciation for the gift, and to the members of Grand Lodge for the honor they had conferred on him in electing him to occupy the Grand East, and dedicated himself to the Service of the Craft.

M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington then presented a Past Grand Master's Jewel to M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, retiring Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, for which he expressed his thanks in a very appropriate manner.

M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Grand Master elect, thanked the Grand Installing Officer, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (158), and the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), for the fine exemplification of the Installation Ceremony.

The newly installed Grand Master then called on R.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran (27), the new Junior Grand Warden, to address the brethren on behalf of the newly elected Grand Lodge Officers, and on V.W. Bro. Walter K. Mulock (1), to speak on behalf of the newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers. Both these brethren assured the Most Worshipful Grand Master of their loyal support and assistance during the coming year.

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide With Me; Fast Falls the Eventide."

The business of the Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, having been completed, the Most Worshipful Grand Master closed it in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY CODDINGTON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

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FIRST CONFERENCE OF GRAND LODGES, A.F. & A.M. OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
Held at Toronto, Ontario, February 28, 1949

R. V. HARRIS	A. C. LEMMON	GEO. MOORE	W. C. KNIGHT	R. A. TATE
Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Alberta	Newfoundland	Saskatchewan

E. G. DIXON	W. W. WILLIAMSON	J. P. MAHER	L. A. McDOUGALL	P. T. PILKEY	R. D. STEWART	J. W. BUCKLAND
Ontario	Quebec	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Quebec

G. G. WOOD	R. B. DARGAVEL	W. J. DUNLOP	F. A. COPUS	C. P. SEELEY	H. B. MACDONALD	R. D. MAGEE	E. F. PETERS	J. A. McRAE	H. CODDINGTON
Prince Edward Island	Ontario	Ontario	Ontario	Saskatchewan	Alberta	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Ontario	Manitoba

G. H. ELLIS	H. P. COLE	D. A. O'NEIL	T. H. SIMPSON	A. D. CUMMING	F. C. WILSON	W. C. McDONALD	W. A. HENRY	L. F. CROTHERS
British Columbia	Michigan	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Alberta	Quebec

ALL-CANADA CONFERENCE

First Conference of all Canadian Grand Lodges, including the two District Grand Lodges of Newfoundland, was held in Toronto, on February 28th and March 1st and 2nd.

Representatives from each Grand Lodge in Canada and Newfoundland were in attendance.

The Chairman of the Conference was M.W. Bro. Arthur L. Cumming, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and the Secretary was R.W. Bro. Ewart G. Dixon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Many important topics were discussed. One was Dual Membership as between Sister Jurisdictions. Another was the objective of the Conference; should such Conference discuss subjects of national or international interest, which ordinarily would be forbidden in a Craft or Grand Lodge?

Other subjects discussed were: The desirability for Canadian Grand Lodges to have uniform recognition of Foreign Jurisdictions; the importance of the Office of Grand Representative; and whether it is advisable to organize an All-Canadian Lodge of Research, such as the great English Research Lodge, Quatuor Coronati?

In February, 1947, a British North America Masonic Conference was held at the Seigniory Club in the Province of Quebec. This was the first such meeting ever held in the Dominion and was initiated and organized by the then Grand Master of Ontario, M.W. Bro. C. S. Hamilton. At this first meeting it was unanimously decided that there would be no interference with the authority of any of the 11 Grand Lodges. At this meeting also, M.W. Bro. Cumming, then Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was elected Chairman for the next meeting of the Grand Masters of Canada.

FORM OF BEQUEST
FOR THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

The following form of Bequest may be used by any Brother desiring to bequeath any sum for the benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge:

"I give unto my Executor or Executors the sum of .... ($) upon trust to pay the same to the Grand Secretary for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, for the purposes and benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the said Grand Lodge, and I declare that the receipt for such sum of the said Grand Secretary shall be an absolute discharge for such payment.

....Signed."

The Lodge Secretary will bring this to the attention of the brethren either at the Lodge Meeting or in the Monthly Notice.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

Brethren are reminded of the facilities offered by the Grand Lodge Library for increasing their Masonic knowledge. Travelling sets of books, specially arranged for the use of country Lodges, are available, and individual country members can have books posted to them.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Librarian, Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval a report of my activities as your representative for the year 1948-1949.

W. Bro. James Wylie, St. James Lodge No. 121, was appointed Secretary. W. Bro. Stanley Cruden, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Chaplain, and W. Bro. Leonard T. Force, Treasurer. These three with Immediate Past D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue, Ionic No. 25, were the District Officers for the year. Below is given a list of my official visits:

1948	October 5, Tuesday	"The Assiniboine" No. 114
	October 13, Wednesday	St. James No. 121
	October 14, Thursday	Norwood No. 119
	October 18, Monday	Empire No. 127
	October 20, Wednesday	King Edward No. 93
1949	January 5, Wednesday	St. John's No. 4
	January 17, Monday	Ancient Landmark No. 3
	January 20, Thursday	Northern Light No. 10
	February 7, Monday	Ionic No. 25
	February 9, Wednesday	Acacia No. 111
	February 15, Tuesday	Prince Rupert's No. 1

On all these visits I was accompanied by a satisfactory number of Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters and Principal Officers of the Lodges. We were always received with warmth and enthusiasm, and in every case were asked to convey to you the loyalty, love and esteem of all the Freemasons in the Lodges of the First Masonic District.

On these visits, as requested by you, I drew the attention of the brethren to the several matters that were causing concern, and I also addressed them on some appropriate Masonic subject. On my second visit to each Lodge, at the end of the degree, I took the opportunity of addressing a few explanatory remarks to the candidates on the work they had just completed.

The practice was continued of having two supper meetings to enable the District Officers to meet the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries. These were held on September 10, 1948, and January 14, 1949. At the first meeting suggestions were discussed for the District meeting, and at the second suggestions were brought forward for improving the attendance at Lodge meetings, and making them masonically more interesting and informative. These meetings perform a useful purpose, and I hope they will be continued in the future.

The District meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Friday, October 29, 1948. It was with more than usual pleasure and feeling that I welcomed you to this meeting, together with the large number of Grand Lodge Officers that accompanied you, including R.W. Bro. W. Earl Glover, D.D.G.M. of the 8th District, R.W. Bro. L. E. Gendron, D.D.G.M. of the 10th District, and R.W. Bro. A. E. Weidman, D.D.G.M. of the 12th District.

The attendance from the Lodges was disappointing, as were also the contents of most of the lodge reports, in that nothing was being done to give the young Masons direction, instruction and explanations other than what he gets in the coaching for the degrees. The programme consisted in a discussion "Should Lodge Dues be Increased"; and two papers "How best can we Create and Increase the Interest and Zeal of the Individual Freemason", by W. Bro. J. V. Dillabough; Norwood Lodge No. 119; and "An Approach to Freemasonry," by R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue, Ionic Lodge No. 25. Both these papers were enthusiastically received by those present, and, as requested, copies have been placed in our Library for the benefit of any brethren who may wish to use them. Your stimulating and inspiring address was listened to attentively and brought the meeting to a close.

Besides my official visits, and a second visit to all the Lodges to see degree work, I attended a number of special meetings as follows: "Canadian Night," at "The Assiniboine" Lodge; Memorial Service of Ionic Lodge; "Manitoba Night" of St. John's Lodge; "Irish Night" of King Edward Lodge, 12th District Church Service at St. Matthew's Church; New Year's Reception, New Year's Day, Norwood Lodge.

In addition to the above it was a great pleasure to be invited to the Ladies' Night at the following Lodges: Ancient Landmark, Ionic, St. John's, King Edward, Empire, 12th District. Also the 40th Anniversary Dinner of Acacia Lodge.

It was a privilege to be able to accompany you on the following occasions: 10th District Meeting, at Transcona; 8th District, at Roland; and the 12th District, in Winnipeg. Also Prince Rupert's Lodge, Empire Lodge, King Edward Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, St. John's Lodge, Fort Garry Lodge, Mount Sinai Lodge, and the Area Meeting at Selkirk.

At my official visit to Ionic Lodge No. 25, in February, it was a rare treat and pleasure to have the honor of presenting a Grand Lodge Fifty-year Jewel to Bro. W. J. Thurlbeck. Among those to witness the presentation were his son, and two brothers together with their two sons, making a total of six. A fine record.

Only three study clubs are functioning in the District. "The Assiniboine" Lodge, Norwood Lodge, and St. James Lodge. The latter became active again at the request of their younger members who felt the need of more Masonic information than was obtainable at regular and emergent meetings. I recommend to the other eight lodges in the District similar clubs for the further instruction of their members and junior officers.

It was a matter of joy and gratitude that R.W. Bro. Fletcher Argue had recovered his health sufficiently this year to take an active part in the work of the District. He was able to accompany me on all of my official visits, besides making a valuable contribution to our District Meeting. My sincere thanks go out to him for his assistance, support and encouragement throughout the year. His contribution to Freemasonry has been constant and effective over a long period. It was, therefore, a matter of deep personal satisfaction when the brethren of the District asked me to present to Brother Argue a Past District Deputy Grand Master's Jewel, and this was done in his own Mother Lodge, Ionic No. 25, at their regular meeting in October, 1948.

Our Annual District Church Service was held on Sunday, April 10, 1949, in St. John's Cathedral, with Bro. John Oriel, of St. John's Lodge No. 4, delivering an inspiring and appropriate sermon. The lessons were read by two District Officers. The attendance was approximately three hundred and fifty.

It is with profound regret and sorrow that I record the passing to the Grand Lodge above of R.W. Bro. George G. Teeter, a P.D.D.G.M. of this District, and W. Bro. N. Oscar Morrison, Master in 1948 of King Edward Lodge No. 93. Both these brethren were active in the District and contributed much to Freemasonry. Our sympathies go out to the families of these brethren.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The average attendance at both regular and emergent lodge meetings is disappointing. To stimulate and recreate interest, I would urge interesting and informative talks of ten or fifteen minutes on Masonic subjects be given in Lodge at every meeting. At the emergent meeting, these talks could be particularly directed to the candidates in explanation of the degree just completed. Too many members, and some officers as well, appear to get their interests disbursed over too many auxiliary, supplementary, and complementary bodies, long before they have a proper grasp of craft Freemasonry.

2. Special instructions to each class of candidates to supplement the very excellent booklets that are now being loaned

them. This could well be the responsibility of the Lodge Study Clubs, or some of the qualified members who have been in the order for some years.

3. We have a very fine Library. I would earnestly recommend the brethren of this District to make much larger use of it than they have in the past. M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, the Grand Librarian, is there to assist them in making a selection among the 3,545 books.

4. Attention is drawn to Section 145 of the Constitution, where the names of petitioners must be on the official circular at least one month before a ballot can be taken. This matter was drawn to the attention of several of the Secretaries.

5. Investigation of petitioners cannot be too carefully done. One lodge in this District, in addition to referring a petition to a Committee of Enquiry, also requires each petitioner to come before a special committee of about five Past Masters, the Master and the Secretary. The report, is then completed, and is considered in conjunction with the separate reports received from the Committee of Enquiry. Consideration might be given this procedure so that our constitution could be amended accordingly.

My sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, whose patience and assistance throughout the year was very much appreciated.

In preparing material for the official visits to the Lodges it is difficult to conceive what one would have done without the kindly help, advice, encouragement and inspiration of that fine Mason, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, my faithful friend. I can only very inadequately express my sincere thanks and appreciation to him for his contribution to the First Masonic District this year, given on many occasions when he was handicapped with ill-health.

I cannot close without mentioning the loyal support the District Officers afforded me. W. Bro. James Wylie, as Secretary; W. Bro. Leonard T. Force, Treasurer; W. Bro. Stanley Cruden, Chaplain. R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann and W. Bro. A. E. Boyle who both accompanied me on many of the visits. Also to Bro. E. Murray, of St. James Lodge, for putting himself and his car at my disposal for all Lodge visits; and W. Bro. W. S. Marley, of the same Lodge, and W. Bro. W. Carr, of the St. John's Lodge, who accompanied me on all my visits. My sincere thanks to all other brethren who accompanied me on many occasions.

In conclusion, let me express my thanks and appreciation to the brethren of this District for having elected me a year ago, and to you for having confirmed it. I realize much more could have been accomplished, but trust that in some small way some contribution to Freemasonry in this District has been made. I shall always cherish the warm friendships that have developed during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

R. E. EMMETT,
D.D.G.M. First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in this Second Masonic District I wish to report on my activities for the Masonic year, 1948-1949 up to May 1st, as I hope to make further visits to my territory before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

We Deputies were urged to visit all of our constituent lodges before our District Meetings if possible; the Second Masonic District meeting being set for October 14th. In the rural areas, however, the obstacle in the way is that so many of the lodges do not meet in July. During August and September, with the meetings being all clustered in the forepart of the month, they are too busy with harvesting to attend and then again in this District, what with meeting by the moon, etc., six lodges meet on three nights, which again reduces the visits that can be made in a prescribed time. However as you will see from the schedule hereinafter set forth, I was able to make five official visits before our District Meeting and three more before the snow blocked me off, leaving Gladstone No. 11; my Mother Lodge still to be visited. These visits were made as follows:

McCreary Lodge No. 133, at McCreary	September 8th, 1948
Carberry Lodge No. 29	September 14th, 1948
Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, at Portage la Prairie	September 20th, 1948
Temple Lodge No. 49, at MacGregor,	September 21st, 1948
Union Lodge No. 108, at Brookdale	October 7th, 1948

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 116, at Wellwood	October 18th, 1948
Neepawa Lodge No. 24	November 9th, 1948
Gladstone Lodge No. 11	April 11th, 1949

W. Bro. E. A. Stout, District Secretary, has been most helpful on these visitations in securing the necessary statistical information, etc., as has also V.W. Bro. E. J. Cresswell, the District Chaplain. As for support from the officers and brethren of my Mother Lodge, Gladstone No. 11, I could not have hoped for better. Our average attendance at lodge is 19, yet I had as high as 16 and not less than 6, accompany me on these visits, and I wish recorded, my sincere appreciation of their loyalty and co-operation.

All in all, my duty though sometimes arduous, with visits following each other too closely, has been a pleasant one. I have at all times endeavoured to keep foremost in my mind the thought that I represented our Grand Master, and endeavoured to live up to that responsibility in carrying out the suggestions of Grand Lodge, and any that I sought to put forth personally as well. The brethren throughout the District, in return, received myself and my suite right royally, with all due respect to my office and sincere friendship personally.

I feel that you will agree with me, when you have gone over the statistical records, that Freemasonry is in good hands, generally, throughout the Second Masonic District. Not all of the Masters are able to exemplify all three degrees, but in every instance, we found that helpful Past Masters are there ready to carry on. I exemplified the penalties in the Canadian Work in the lodges using that Rite and the York in Neepawa and Gladstone Lodges. Some of our lodges are possibly more active than others, but they are all good working units and the spirit of harmony was ever present.

Our two grand old Freemasons, that have been so active throughout the years, R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns, of MacGregor, and R.W. Bro. W. G. Pollock, of Neepawa, are still with us, though both are now more confined than at our last Communication. Gladstone has a brother, in the person of William Kiefhaber, age 86, who first saw the light in 1893 in Iowa, and now a member of Gladstone Lodge since around 1910, who still attends quite frequently.

Many of our lodges have found it necessary to increase their annual dues owing to increased costs of operating. St. Andrew's Lodge, who lost their hall last year, just after they had paid for it, recently were deprived of their sitting Master through tragic circumstances, and now are negotiating for the purchase of the

United Manse as a Temple. My official visit to my Mother lodge at Gladstone, No. 11, was not entirely a matter of form and the kindly reception extended me was something I will long treasure.

As for unofficial visits, on March 9th a carload from Gladstone Lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. D. G. Pollock of Neepawa, visited at McCreary Lodge No. 133, and witnessed the exemplification of the Master Mason Degree, which was done in an excellent manner by W. Bro. McLeod. Last July I was instrumental in promoting a bus load of Gladstone and Neepawa brethren to attend the Masonic Picnic at Lake Metigoshe, in N.D., at which our Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole, was the principal speaker for the Canadian side. While the gathering was waiting for him to arrive, I was honoured by being asked to address those present. I also took a group of brethren to MacGregor to attend Divine Service with them last Fall. St. John's Lodge of Winnipeg visited Neepawa Lodge No. 24 on September 24th last year, on which occasion we were again present, and I jocularly thanked the brethren for holding their meeting on that particular date; it being the 25th anniversary of my initiation into Freemasonry. On April 13th, 1949, another car load visited Carberry Lodge No. 29. No Work was put on, but I had the pleasure of meeting among others, their Sitting Master, W. Bro. Marnock, who is steadily recovering from his severe accident of last Fall. This lodge I think has one of the cosiest little lodge rooms in this District, and the intermingling of the three Lodges in that corner is splendid. Then on April 18th we were again present at St. Andrew's to lend our support to you, good Sir, on your personal visit, and the message that you left with the brethren on that occasion was of a nature that was bound to stimulate their courage for the future and their Masonic ideals. Last Fall we took our ladies down to the annual "At Home" of Gothic Lodge No. 75, at Austin.

I was also very pleased to be able to attend the District Meeting of the Eighth Masonic District, which was held at Roland last November 5th, especially, Sir, as this is your Mother Lodge. Shiloh Lodge No. 70, is indeed proud this year in having the unique distinction and honor of offering both Grand Master and a District Deputy Grand Master, in the person of R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover, to Freemasonry. R.W. Bro. Weidman held his District Meeting in December of last year, and I also managed to be in attendance. I believe that I have missed one of the meetings of the Board of General Purposes, that being the same night as our local Order of the Eastern Star were holding their "At Home," which I was invited to attend.

I have still to report on our District Meeting, which as previously stated was held on October 14th, 1948. This, I believe I am justified in describing as a success. Such a result can only be obtained by the sincere co-operation from all those who have been requested to lend their assistance, and this I undoubtedly had. All the secretaries' reports were good and some excellent. Our Grand Master in his Address to the brethren, on this occasion, as on all other occasions at which I have been privileged to hear him, distinguished himself as a Master of the Craft. In mentioning from memory the Grand Lodge Officers present (I may omit some) but I am submitting the names of M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, the Grand Master; M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, our Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni; R.W. Bros. H. Coddington, C. E. Cole, G. E. Cox, A. D. Russell, V.W. Bros. F. H. Blythe and W. D. G. Runions.

The brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba have suffered a distinct sorrow in the illness of our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, and our Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, and our prayers and sincere wishes are offered for their complete recovery.

Hampered by our Canadian winters, the time permitted seems all too brief to carry out one's plans, but occupied as I am for five nights in each week with my personal business. I have nevertheless endeavored to give to this worthy Office all my ability possible. It has been most enjoyable, and I feel that I have profited personally by renewed associations with old friends of long standing and also with fresh contacts, and trust that I have been instrumental in some small measure to furthering the progress of Freemasonry and that delightful spirit of harmony which has ever distinguished the brethren of this Second Masonic District. Many of the brethren of constituent lodges throughout the Districts also visited with me on several occasions, and to all these, and the Officers and brethren of the District generally, I now extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous support and co-operation given me in the carrying out of the duties of District Deputy Grand Master for the term of 1948-1949, to which they did the honour of so electing me.

To you Sir, and to our Grand Secretary, may I also extend my appreciation for helpful advice, at all times kindly given. I assured you at the outset, that I looked forward to serving under you, and experience has proved the benefit thereof.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. McGREGOR,
D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report as your Representative for the Third Masonic District. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your Deputy during the past year. I trust my humble efforts will meet with your approval.

On assuming the duties of the office I appointed W. Bro. Rev. W. R. Donogh as District Chaplain and Bro. Norman King as District Secretary. To each I give my sincere thanks for their help during my term of office.

I have made one Official Visit to each of the Lodges. I had planned to make an Unofficial Visit to each Lodge, but owing to sickness, bad roads and inclement weather I found this was not possible. In a rural District such as we have it is almost impossible to visit once winter sets in and the roads become impassable. On all my Official Visits I was received with the dignity, respect and cordiality due your Representative.

Our District Meeting was held at Swan Lake on July 28, attendance 115. All Lodges in the District were represented and there were visitors from neighboring districts. We were favored by the presence of you Most Worshipful Sir; M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, I.P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Deputy Grand Master.

Reports were given by the Secretaries of all Lodges on the activities for the year, and these reports were received with interest by the brethren. The topic for discussion, "A Poor Blind Candidate," proved to be an interesting one and with the questions and answers, the time alloted was profitably spent. The Grand Lodge Officers made a valuable contribution to the discussion. A short address by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly on how to instruct the candidate was well received.

A banquet, with the usual Toasts, followed at 6 p.m and was enjoyed by all.

Labor was resumed at 8.30 p.m., when the Grand Master and Suite were officially received. A summary of the afternoon session and report of attendance was given by the District Secretary. A pleasant feature of the evening session was the presenting of a Fifty-Year Jewel to R.W. Bro. Chas. Cannon, of

Strathcona Lodge No. 117. R.W. Bro. J. Hamilton was then presented with a P.D.D.G.M. Apron, and he expressed his thanks in suitable words. Both of these presentations were made by you, Most Worshipful Sir.

M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, the Grand Master, was then introduced, and he delivered a most inspiring address which was enjoyed by all. It was a very successful meeting and your splendid address was the high light of the evening.

My Official Visits were as follows:

Strathcona Lodge No. 117	October 12th, 1948
Crescent Lodge No. 103	November 3rd, 1948
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	November 9th. 1948
Treherne Lodge No. 51	November 12th, 1948
Cypress Lodge No. 82	December 2nd, 1948
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67	December 13th, 1948
Rathwell Lodge No. 87	April 12th, 1949
Holland Lodge No. 63	April 13th, 1949
Swan Lake Lodge No. 109	April 18th, 1949

During my term of office I attended the funeral of R.W. Bro. F. H. Dagg, of Holland Lodge No. 63, and R.W. Bro. Earl Christie, of Glenboro Lodge No. 48.

The burden of my remarks to each Lodge I visited has been Education and Research; the proper instruction of candidates on the History, Traditions and Symbolism of our Order. I have tried to present this phase of our Masonic Work, for I believe that what we teach our candidates today will, in a great measure, determine what Freemasonry will be in the future. In all Lodges the work has been done in a very capable manner. Candidates examined know their work. It is plain to see that the instructive tongue has been at work. In the conducting of the routine business of the Lodges the Officers have endeavored to do their work in a businesslike manner. In all Lodges, there seems to be a lively interest and a desire on the part of the Officers to fulfill their duties to the best of their ability. I am also happy to report that visiting is an important part of the activities of many lodges. Only two Lodges own their buildings, Treherne No. 51 and Swan Lake No. 109. The rest of the lodges rent or lease their Lodge rooms. All lodges are in a healthy financial condition. Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District is in a very healthy state. All lodges are active and it is gratifying to see that quality is the objective rather than quantity.

Observations:

(1) That there is a keen interest in all lodges for Education and Research.

(2) That there is a need in each lodge for a period to be assigned for the spreading of Masonic knowledge.

(3) More use could be made of the Masonic Library.

Recommendations:

(1) That in the election of officers the first ballot be made a nominating ballot where there is no clear majority. This would enable a lodge to elect their officers without the necessity of having too many ballots.

(2) After the District Deputy has been elected, suggest his successor for the next year so that he may become familiar with the duties he will assume when his election takes place.

The year has passed quickly and I have not been able to do all I had planned.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to you Most Worshipful Sir, in confirming my election.

Also to the brethren of the Third Masonic District for electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master. It has been a year of rich experience. The friendships made, the kindness and help received will not be forgotten.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH I. SKINNER,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshpful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as your Deputy in the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1948-1949.

Although I entered upon my duties with a certain amount of apprehension, based on a sense of responsibility to you and the brethren of the Fourth Masonic District, that feeling was dispelled by the friendly encouragement given me as I travelled around the District, making the duties pleasant and the time too short.

It is with regret and disappointment that my health has precented me from completing my year of office as from April

1st. I have been ordered a complete rest, but I am gratified and thankful that I was able to make all official visits with one exception, and many unofficial visits to all lodges in the District. On all occasions I was received with respect and courtesy due to the office I held as your Representative, and saw the work put on in a creditable manner by the lodges, at all times receiving a most cordial welcome.

May I respectfully submit that I feel where lodges have Study Clubs or have time to discuss Masonic papers, there seems a better attendance. There has been considerable degree work and, as a result the work of Study Clubs has been neglected. We trust that this situation is only temporary and that as the number of petitioners declines, it may improve.

Official visits were made as follows:

Morden Lodge No. 13	October 21st
Doric Lodge No. 36	October 26th
Killarney Lodge No. 50	November 15th
Cartwright Lodge No. 150	November 16th
Crystal Lodge No. 71	November 9th
Mound Lodge No. 118	December 3rd
Manitou Lodge No. 30 (not visited officially because of bad roads).	

Your attendance at Doric Lodge No. 36, Boissevain, on International Night, was gratefully appreciated and was an inspiration to all brethren present, and the warm fraternal feeling, in Company with the Distinguished brethren from North Dakota has made a mark in the annals of Freemasonry in this District.

Your visit to Killarney Lodge No. 50, in Company with your Deputy, was most outstanding, and your inspiring address resulted in the formation of a Study Club.

The District Meeting held at Morden on October 7th, was highly successful. Your presence, Most Worshipful Sir, with Grand Lodge Officers was a source of inspiration to all present. The attendance, however, was not all that could be desired, because of road conditions.

I found all lodges in a very healthy condition. A gratifying feature of the year's review is the large number of young men of excellent type being received into Freemasonry.

May I, in surrendering my office, thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the confidence you placed in me installing me as your District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth Masonic District.

I sincerely trust that I have been of some small service to you and Freemasonry during my term of office, and may I be permitted to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to W. Bro. Wm. Godfrey, Morden Lodge No. 13, as District Secretary, for his co-operation and assistance, and also to R.W. Bro. M. McLean for officiating as District Chaplain.

Fraternally submitted,

G. E. COX,
D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report on the general condition of Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District of Manitoba as I found it during my term of office, 1948-1949. The year has been one of great pleasure and profit to me, and I have very greatly enlarged the number of my Masonic friends, and enriched my Masonic knowledge and experience. For these things I wish to express my appreciation to the brethren of the Fifth Masonic District, as I also do for their genuinely cordial reception and consideration on the many occasions of my visits with them, and for the splendid co-operation of the various officers, and for the courteous and unfailing patience of the brethren during my Officials Visits. I found that the brethren were quite open to suggestions and that a District Deputy Grand Master doesn't need to be too complimentary, and need not fear that he is always going to give offence when he has criticisms to make.

The Masonic spirit of the whole District is very fine. I was particularly impressed with this on the occasions of my second visits. In my 1949 visits I found a great many of the Principal Officers to be young men. In practically all cases I found them serious and sincere in their official duties, widely interested in Masonic matters, and anxious to do good work in conferring degrees and in Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The Fifth Masonic District can look for splendid things from the young men, and, with the advice and guidance of the older Past Masters and members, should establish a bright future for the various lodges.

I do feel, however, that more uniformity could be attained in Opening and Closing, particularly in the giving of the "C.S.T."

and "W" in closing in the Master Mason degree. I also feel that there should be less hesitation on the part of the skilled Past Masters in making corrective and constructive criticism. I have endeavored to make the various lodges conscious of the importance of familiarity with the Constitution, of Masonic reading and visiting, of prompt and expeditious meetings, of duty to the Craft, of responsibility to those outside the Craft. I have found the tone of the Refreshment Hour very high, and, on all occasions, the fine spirit of friendship and fraternity inspiring. My first official act was to assist at the Constitution of Newdale Lodge No. 159—a good lodge which I believe has a fine future.

I was able to make ten of my formal Official Visits before the District Meeting held at Cardale, Monday, October 11th. This was a fine and inspiring meeting with a total attendance of 124, among whom were the following Grand Lodge Officers: M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, I.P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. Syd Foreman, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and V.W. Bro. Jas. M. Sinclair, Senior Grand Steward. At this meeting all Secretaries' reports were in, all sitting Masters except one were present, and all possible members of Newdale Lodge except one were present. My other three Official Visits were made subsequent to October 11th. I have visited nine of the lodges a second time and found it very much worth the additional effort. I expect to visit the other four in the course of the next two or three weeks. I visited at four District Meetings outside our own, and I believe the Fifth District indirectly derived some benefit from these visits.

I have found considerable dissatisfaction in dealing with Form 20, and have made some recommendations to Grand Lodge to make changes in the form. I have found that the D.D.G.M. of a District can not do his work in one visit, and perhaps not even in two.

The Fifth Masonic District has been somewhat disturbed by the continued illness of M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson. It was also a matter of regret that R.W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Clark could not be present for the presentation of his regalia.

In conclusion let me say that I have had a very happy year and feel thankful for the many friends I have made. I hope I have been able to be of service to the Fifth Masonic District. I feel that the condition of Freemasonry in it is good, and that the years to come are full of promise.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. RUSSELL,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1948-1949. Although I accepted this responsible office with a considerable amount of apprehension, I wish to say to you, Sir, and also to the brethren of this District, that the very cordial and friendly reception I received at every lodge made my duty a pleasant one.

I visited every lodge in the District. My Official Visits were as follows:

Oriental Lodge No. 54	September 24, 1948
Napinka Lodge No. 77	October 7, 1948
Reston Lodge No. 104	October 14, 1948
Deloraine Lodge No. 40	October 20, 1948
Glenwood Lodge No. 27	October 22, 1948
Hartney Lodge No. 52	November 2, 1948
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	November 8, 1948
Elgin Lodge No. 86	March 8, 1949

I am pleased to report that Masonry in this District is in a healthy condition. Every lodge is making some gain in membership, and I have been much impressed with the type of candidate being received. I am also pleased to report that the utmost harmony prevails in every lodge. The Minute Books are well kept in every lodge. However, Elgin, Reston and Glenwood Lodges are the only ones who keep their Historical Registers posted and up to date.

The kind attention with which my addresses were received was indeed a pleasure. In these I endeavored to express the importance of Brotherhood among the members of the Fraternity.

The District Meeting held in Elgin on September 24, 1948, was a decided success. One hundred and forty members were present, among them were 4 District Deputy Grand Masters and 18 Past District Deputy Grand Masters. Most W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Grand Master, gave a very eloquent and instructive address, and R.W. Bro. J. A. George, Deloraine, gave a splendid address too. Some of the teachings of the Fellowcraft Degree were dealt with.

Membership in the District in the past year has increased by 19 members.

May I, in giving up my office to my successor, thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master for the confidence you placed in me in confirming my appointment as District Deputy Grand Master for the year just passed. I wish also to express my sincere thanks to W. Bro. Alex. Reid, District Secretary, for his assistance to me and for his efficient work. Finally I must thank all those others who so ably and kindly assisted me through my year of office, especially the members of my own lodge who accompanied me on my visits.

Fraternaly submitted,

JAS. McDOLE,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

The District Deputy Grand Master's work in the Seventh Masonic District this past season has been interesting, instructive and very much worthwhile, from a Masonic viewpoint. Official visits were made to all of the eight lodges in this District, and a number of them received one or more unofficial visits for some special occasion, or to witness degree work which had not been performed on the nights of the official visits. The first official duty began with the Constitution of Fenwick Lodge No. 158, on July 9th, and other visits as outlined in the table below. The District Meetings at Elgin, Cardale and Roland were courtesy visits to the neighboring Districts and their District Deputies. International Night at Boissevain, on October 15th, was a highlight in sponsoring International Goodwill, and provided an opportunity to meet a number of our American brethren. The District Meeting in Brandon on October 20th had an attendance of 127 members, two visitors to which were District Deputy Grand Masters from Morden and Cardale.

Due to the illness of the P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. P. J. Timms, it was decided to make a personal presentation of his regalia at his home in Virden, and also to deliver the Commission from the Grand Lodge of Panama. The Grand Master and his suite were accompanied on their Official Visits to Tweed Lodge No. 113, on December 21st, and Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, on April 26th. The New Volume of the Sacred Law was dedicated by the District Chaplain, Bro. W. O. Nugent, at Lansdowne Lodge No. 107, on April 27th. The District Church Service in Brandon, in May

15th, drew an attendance of 85 brethren. All of the lodges in the District, except one (Elkhorn) were represented by one or more brethren. The official opening of the new Temple at Deloraine and the Area Meeting at Wawanesa, completed the highlights of a busy year. Unfortunately none of the District Officers were able to attend the Area Meeting, which included the Seventh Masonic District at Strathclair, on May 3rd.

The lodges with the larger memberships, e.g.: the three Brandon Lodges and Lebanon Lodge No. 43, at Virden, have their work, books, finances, etc., all in fairly good shape. An increasing membership tends to keep them active Masonically. The lodges with a limited membership, e.g.: Composite, Oak Lake, and Elkhorn have been getting some candidates lately and this has stimulated increased activity among the brethren. I have not witnessed any degree work during my term of office at Lansdowne Lodge No. 107.

It was observed on the official visits that in the majority of the lodges the attendance of the Junior Officers, particularly, was very haphazard, and in some of the lodges the principal officers were frequently absent, some not having attended lodge since they were elected. The practice of re-electing Past Masters to fill the various chairs, which may have been commendable during the depression years, when no candidates were available and the membership was limited, and which practice is still in vogue in a few lodges in this District, should be strenuously discouraged. It has a detrimental effect on the lodge itself and particularly Masonic activities in that area. Possibly the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry might investigate and suggest some remedial action.

Generally throughout the Seventh District, Masonic harmony prevails. The majority of the lodges have contributed liberally to "Parcels for Britain," are dispensing Masonic benevolence to the unfortunate and are striving to assist in community betterment.

Official and Unofficial Visitations, 1948-1949:

Composite Lodge No. 64, June 17, 1948	Unofficial
Winnipeg, June 28, 1948	Board Meeting
Newdale Lodge No. 59, July 8, 1948	Institution of New Lodge
Fenwick Lodge No. 158, July 9, 1948	Institution of New Lodge
Lebanon Lodge No. 43, September 7, 1948	Official
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44, September 9, 1948	Official
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, September 13, 1948	Official
Winnipeg, September 17, 1948	Board Meeting

Elgin, September 23, 1948	District Meeting
Cardale, October 11, 1948	District Metting
Brandon Lodge No. 19, October 12, 1948	Official
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44, October 14, 1948	Unofficial
Boissevain, October 15, 1948	International Night
Brandon, October 20, 1948	District Meeting
Composite Lodge No. 64, October 21, 1948	Official
Virden, October 24, 1948, Presentation	P.D.G.M. Regalia
Lansdowne No. 107, October 27, 1948	Official
Tweed Lodge No. 113, November 2, 1948	Official
Roland, November 5, 1948	District Meeting
Lebanon Lodge No. 43, November 9, 1948	Fraternal Visit with Tweed
Fenwick No. 158, November 12, 1948	Official
Winnipeg, November 19, 1948	Board Meeting
Brandon, December 29, 1948	Joint Installation 3 Lodges
Winnipeg, February 18, 1949	Board Meeting
Virden, March 6, 1949	Commission for R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms
Winnipeg, April 8, 1949	Board Meeting
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, April 26, 1949	Grand Master and Suite
Lansdowne Lodge No. 107, April 27, 1949	Dedication of Volume of Sacred Law
Lansdowne Lodge No. 107, April 29, 1949	Funeral Bro. MacMillan
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, May 9, 1949	Unofficial
Brandon, May 15, 1949	District Church Service, Layreader
Deloraine, May 18, 1949	Official Opening New Temple
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67, May 20th, 1949	Area Meeting

Respectfully submitted.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

J. W. BROATCH,
D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District,

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative for the year 1948-1949 in the Eighth Masonic District, it is a privilege and a great honor for me to submit to you my observations on the conditions of Freemasonry as they pertain to that District.

On my assuming the office of District Deputy Grand Master last June I appointed Brother Chester L. Cameron as my Secretary. He has been a great help to me during my term of office. He accompanied me on all of my official visits which were made as follows:

East Star No. 55	October 7th, 1948
King Solomon No. 8	October 12th, 1948
Carman No. 155	October 19th, 1948
Emerson No. 6	October 21st, 1948
Penza No. 120	October 26th, 1948
Patricia No. 125	November 3rd, 1948
Sprague No. 132	November 10th, 1948
Shiloh No. 70	November 11th, 1948
Midlothian No. 90	November 15th, 1948

On all of my official visits I was received in a very dignified and hospitable manner, and had no reason to think that harmony did not prevail. I have witnessed the conferring of degrees in all Lodges, with the exception of King Solomon No. 8, at Morris, and I find that the work is being performed in an efficient manner.

It is noted that the new members coming into the Craft are making their contribution to the principles of Freemasonry, and are anxious and willing at all times to lend their support in any way.

Sprague Lodge No. 132 and East Star No. 55 have been blessed with some new members who are anxious to learn and quite keen in Freemasonry in general, and I feel certain that progress will be made in the future in both of these Lodges. It is my earnest opinion that District No. 8 will have no worry with respect to its future outcome.

On all of my official visits to the Lodges I gave a short address to the brethren on the fundamentals of Freemasonry, emphasizing the need of all brethren to do more fraternal visiting, which to my mind is a boost to any Lodge.

The brethren at Shiloh Lodge No. 70, Roland, were most helpful to me in every respect, and on three occasions the Junior members of the Lodge accompanied me and presented their play "The Greatest of These" (by Claudy), to the brethren at Morris, Carman and Dominion City. This was well presented and thoroughly enjoyed by all who saw it.

Our District Meeting was held on November 15th, at Roland, and in spite of the bad road conditions at that time, the meeting was well attended. As well as having had the honor of your presence at our meeting, we were also honored by the attendance of R.W. Brother J. W. Broatch from Brandon, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District; R.W. Brother W. J. McGregor from Gladstone, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, and R.W. Brother R. E. Emmett from Winnipeg, District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District. The attendance of these brethren at our meeting is an indication of the high esteem that they have for you.

Our District Chaplain R.W. Brother Dr. H. B. Wallace gave a very fine address at our Afternoon Session based on Human Nature, and I would like to thank him at this time for his contribution and help during my term of office.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my thanks to M.W. Brother P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, and his staff, as well as the other Grand Lodge Officers, for their assistance and loyal support during my term of office.

I can assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that it has been a pleasure to have served as your representative in the Eighth Masonic District, and I trust that my efforts will meet with your approval.

W. E. GLOVER,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I regard it an honor and privilege to submit, for your consideration and approval, my report as District Deputy for the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1948-1949.

After your confirmation of my appointment I selected V.W. Bro. D. Kitney as District Secretary and W. Bro. A. Oliphant as District Chaplain, both of Vermillion Lodge No. 68.

The District Meeting of the Ninth Masonic District was held at Dauphin, in the basement of the Anglican Church, on September 13, 1948. Total attendance, members and visitors, was one hundred and five, with all lodges in the District being represented. Reports were given by Secretaries or representatives of each Lodge on their yearly activities, and these reports indicated the District as a whole to be in a very healthy condition.

During the Afternoon Session we had the pleasure of hearing an address given by R.W. Bro. J. N. McFadden, P.D.D.G.M., on Freemasonry. This address was well received and appreciated by all present.

The meeting was then thrown open for a discussion and question period and was led by R.W. Bro. J. M. Bateman, P.D.D.G.M., with the able assistance of M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary. Many of the brethren present availed themselves of the opportunity, and some lively discussions took place.

The meeting was called from Labor to Refreshments at 5.00 p.m., and the brethren invited to the Canadian Legion Hall to a banquet prepared by the Ladies of the Canadian Legion. Several toasts and responses concluded this portion of the programme.

Labor was resumed at 8.00 p.m., and immediately the meeting was declared open the Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, and his suite were officially received. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then introduced his suite and asked them to take a seat in the East.

V.W. Bro. D. Kitney, District Secretary, presented a summary of the afternoon session and gave an attendance report.

Presentation of a Past District Deputy Grand Master's Apron was then made by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey to R.W. Bro. C. F. Drager, who made a suitable reply.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, gave a very inspiring address which was enjoyed by all those present.

During the year official visits were made as follows:

Hiram Lodge No. 94, Grandview	16th September, 1948
Roblin Lodge No. 122, Roblin	20th September, 1948
Favel Lodge No. 126, Minitonas	5th October, 1948
Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105. Swan River	7th October, 1948
Jubilee Lodge No. 147, Bowsman	14th October, 1948
Victory Lodge No. 128, Benito	20th October, 1948
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100, Gilbert Plains	8th December, 1948
Vermillion Lodge No. 68, Dauphin	1st March, 1949

I paid one Official Visit to each Lodge in the District, and I am pleased to report that Freemasonry is in a good healthy condition throughout the District. At every meeting I received a very cordial welcome and found each Lodge making steady progress, and that harmony prevails in all lodges.

Finally, Most Worshipful Sir, I wish to express to you and to all the brethren of the Ninth Masonic District my sincere thanks; to you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the confirming of my appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District, and to the brethren of the District for electing me to that high office. Also, I would like to express my very deep appreciation to those members of my own Lodge who accompanied me on my visits throughout the district.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WRYE,
D.D.G.M. Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the Condition of Freemasonry in the Tenth Masonic District for the term 1948-1949.

In company with W. Bro. John M. Fowlis and W. Bro. Robert I. Esselmont, both Past Masters of Transcona Lodge No. 123, who so kindly acted as my District Secretary-Treasurer and District Chaplain, respectively. I visited every Lodge in the Tenth District officially. Our visits were as follows:

Stonewall No. 112	September 2nd, 1948
The Dormer No. 151	September 7th, 1948
Pine Falls No. 154	September 10th, 1948
Kildonan No. 131	September 14th, 1948
Manitouwapa No. 156	September 20th, 1948
Ophir No. 112	October 1st 1948
Stony Mountain No. 134	October 6th, 1948
Seven Oaks No. 148	October 8th, 1948
Lisgar No. 2	October 19th, 1948
Transcona No. 123	December 3rd, 1948

The District Meeting was held in Transcona on Thursday, September 30th, 1948. The meeting was opened following registration at 2.40 p.m. There were 88 brethren present of whom 17 were visitors. Grand Lodge Officers present were: M.W. Grand Master, Walter C. McDonald; R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Deputy Grand Master; M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman, Grand Director of Ceremonies; M.W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery, Grand Chaplain.

Our brethren assisted in, and profited by, several interesting and informative discussions. The agenda consisted of Annual Reports from the various Lodges; exemplification of the sign was given by W. Bro. A. Collicut, assisted by Bro. W. Pearce, S.W., both brethren hailing from Seven Oaks Lodge. M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey gave instruction in the penalties. A discussion took place on the method of selection of our D.D.G.M's. A talk on our Masonic Paper "Masonry in Manitoba" was given by the Grand Secretary. The District Secretary read a paper prepared by W. Bro. John A. George, of Deloraine, entitled, "Some Thoughts on the Teaching of the Fellow Craft Degree."

Regret was expressed by the brethren present of the illness of R.W. Bro. Frank Brownell, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 10.

The Afternoon Session was adjourned at 5.30 p.m., and the brethren repaired to a banquet, where over sixty sat down to dine.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.30 p.m., with an added number of members and visitors in attendance. The M.W. Grand Master and his suite were received in due form. As well as the Grand Lodge Officers who attended the Afternoon Session the following were present: V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe, chairman on Masonic Research and Education: V.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions, Grand Tyler; R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, D.D.G M. of the First Masonic District; R.W. Bro. John McKenzie, of Portage la Prairie. The following P.D.D.G.M's. of the Tenth Masonic District, some of whom were present during the afternoon session, attended the evening session; R. W. Bros. J. S. Wilson, Murdoch MacKay, James Lindsay, Robert Muckle, W. H. French, Robert Ross and Dave Ferguson. Two Past Grand Masters honored us, with their presence: M.W. Bro. Sam Burland, who attended both afternoon and evening sessions, and M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, who presented R.W. Bro. Dave Ferguson, Immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master, with a P.D.D.G.M.'s Apron. The highlight of the evening session was the inspiring address of the M.W. Grand Master who addressed the brethren on "Sponsoring of Candidates" and "Vouching for Visitors."

He stated that "The prime requisite today is not necessarily more Masons but better Masons." "The candidate is the good seed. Freemasonry is the good land," he observed. In conclusion, he said, "Let us all go from this meeting with the firm resolve that during the years to come we must try to become better Freemasons, and let us all keep this end before us."

The meeting was closed in due form at 10.30 p.m.

A dispensation has been granted to hold a joint District and Transcona Lodge Divine Service in St. George's Anglican Church, Transcona, on Sunday evening, May 15th, at 8.00 p.m. D.S.T. W. Bro. Rev. T. D. Conlin will officiate.

In every Lodge the District Deputy was received with the honor and courtesy befitting the representative of the M.W. Grand Master.

In most of the Lodges I witnessed degrees conferred in a manner that would not fail to make a lasting impression on the candidates, as well as on the members present. The solemnity of the occasion and the evident desire on the part of the various Masters and officers to impress the lessons taught in the degrees deeply upon the minds of the candidates, rather than a mere display of ritual and floor work, is highly commendable.

I was impressed by the care shown by the Lodges in the selection of their officers throughout the District, and I wish to assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that the Lodges are in the hands of men of high ideals, well skilled in the Craft and determined to make Masonry of real benefit to their fellows and to mankind. The same care was obvious in the selection of new members, as shown by the class of candidates presenting themselves for initiation. The thorough manner in which they are instructed and examined gives ample proof that the instructors are taking a real interest in their work. The books of instruction supplied by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education should prove an invaluable aid in assisting in this work.

The books and records of the Lodges have been examined and in general were found to be well kept.

It was interesting to note that the Lodges were making a contribution to their respective committees and to Freemasonry in general in the form of scholarship awards, liberal donations to benevolence and "Parcels for the brethren of Britain."

Over fifty per cent of the Lodges in the District own their own buildings and all the Lodges appear to be in a sound financial condition.

Many of the Lodges not only are doing their degree work but also are doing considerable inter-lodge visiting which is a healthy sign. Some of the Lodges are having a question and answer period in open Lodge. Many of the Lodges have small libraries and a librarian, and several books are being read by the newly-made Masons.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the Tenth Masonic District for the honor conferred upon, and the privilege given me, as well as the honor conferred upon Transcona Lodge, of which I am privileged to be a member, in electing me to this important office.

May I add my thanks to all those who accompanied me on my official visits, and in particular, the District Secretary-Treasurer, W. Bro. J. M. Fowlis, and the District Chaplain, W. Bro. R. I. Esselmont, for their very kind assistance and co-operation which made our work a pleasure and an experience of a lifetime.

May I also add my thanks and appreciation to M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, for his every assistance during the year; to M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald for his sincere and conscientious effort in visiting various Lodges in District Ten; to M.W. Bro. Sam Burland, V.W. Bro. John Norquay, R.W. Bro. Robert Muckle, and R.W. Bro. Robert Ross for their very helpful advice and for accompanying me on several official visits.

I trust that we have made some small contribution to Freemasonry in the Tenth Masonic District and to Freemasonry in general.

Fraternally submitted,

L. E. GENDRON,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in the Twelfth Masonic District for year 1948-1949, it is not only my duty, but a distinct privilege to report to you the activities and my observations of the happenings in our District.

From what I have observed, every report to the Grand Master uses the last paragraph for a perfunctory pat on the back to the District Officers for work well done. I would like to go on record, on behalf of those unsung heroes, and place them in a higher bracket of esteem; their faithful work and attendance at meeting after meeting certainly takes a big load off your representative's shoulders. I refer especially to our District Secretary, W. Bro. David Milliken, our District Treasurer, W. Bro. Sam. Swanton and W. Bro. Clifford Fitch, who is our District Chaplain.

My Official Visits were made to all the eleven Lodges in the District (a report of which has been submitted to you) and in every instance, I, as your representative, was received with true Masonic cordiality and fidelity. Degrees were well exemplified in six of the lodges visited, and I hope to visit most of the remaining lodges during the month of May.

Our District Meeting was held on January 28th, and as you know, was very well attended by a good representation from every Lodge in the District as well as a goodly number of visiting brethren. R.W. Bro. Gray and Bro. Finkleman were the participants in a symposium entitled "Should Freemasonry Engage in any Specific Humanitarian Work?" and this thought-provoking subject was well received. And need I remind you of the definite contribution you made to Masonry by your splendid address that evening, a fine tribute to the Craft, as the temperature was 30 below zero that evening.

Our Annual Church Service was held on Sunday, April 24th, and some 200 Masonic brethren attended. It was a remarkable showing when you consider that Daylight Saving went into effect that very morning. We were very happy in the knowledge that M.W. Bro. Calvert's successor at St. Matthew's Church, Rev. Burton Thomas, was also a member of our Ancient Craft.

In commenting on our Fifth Annual Ladies' Night, which was held at the Fort Garry Hotel on March 25th, all present voted it as one of the most successful this District has ever had, and while we incurred a small deficit for the evening, I think a little better committee work by some of the Lodges should put any further Ladies' Nights over in grand style.

This District has had an increase in members of some 150, and while not having the increase that we had in 1947 and 1948, I believe this slight recession to be a healthy one for Masonry. It should enable us to give more attention to those new brethren coming into our fraternity.

I would like to see Grand Lodge devise some way in which more attention could be paid to a lodge's activities, pertaining to the number of visits they make and with the number of the brethren that accompany the Master and likewise on the number of visits they receive from other lodges. These figures I believe to be of the utmost importance and indicates how many of our brethren are exemplifying that cardinal principle of Masonry—Brotherhood.

No report of this District would be complete without paying tribute to the truly Masonic work being carried on so successfully by the '44 Club. Their latest effort, "Greater Love Hath No Man," is a fitting climax to their other dramatic effort of the past.

From reports received in this District, from all the Masters, the Committee on Masonic Research and Education is to be congratulated on the four Booklets which are now available to brethren who are receiving their degrees. I would particularly like to mention the first booklet the petitioner is given after being balloted on. This one should be a must in every Mason's reading, and I could very well include some Masters and District Deputies. It is clear, concise and presents a proper Masonic yard stick of right reading.

The monthly dinner meetings your Deputy held with the Masters and Wardens were very beneficial to all and served as a clearing house for some of the problems the Masters presented. I would like to see more Wardens in attendance at future meetings.

In conclusion may I say, that what I first thought to be a perilous journey, has turned out most pleasant and altogether too short, thanks to your leadership, kind, helpful advice, and inspiration.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. WEIDMAN,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED
TO
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER
GRAND LODGES
1948

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Charles Cameron Lindsay

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1
and Tuscan Lodge No. 141

Grand Pursuivant 1917

DIED
December 8th, 1948

Allan Benjamin Fallis

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7

Senior Grand Deacon 1935

DIED
January 12th, 1948

Earl Jonas Christie

Glenboro Lodge No. 48

District Deputy Grand Master 1929

DIED
October 26th, 1948

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Thomas Ritchie Ponton

Temple Lodge No. 49
Grand Organist 1908
District Deputy Grand Master 1910

DIED
April 2nd, 1948

Francis H. Dagg

Holland Lodge No. 63
District Deputy Grand Master 1904

DIED
September 30th, 1948

David Augustus Yeomans

Composite Lodge No. 64
District Deputy Grand Master 1912

DIED
October 4th, 1948

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Wilbur F. Pentland
Cypress Lodge No. 82
District Deputy Grand Master 1928

DIED
May 7th, 1948

David Morley
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100
Grand Steward 1917

DIED
September 23rd, 1948

Edgar A. Newcombe
Union Lodge No. 108
District Deputy Grand Master 1941

DIED
April 3rd, 1948

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Alexander Stephen Calder

Penza Lodge No. 120
Grand Pursuivant 1928

DIED
September 6th, 1948

Murdo Maclean

Beaver Lodge No. 139
Senior Grand Deacon 1934

DIED
September 20th, 1948

Richard Kellett

Carman Lodge No. 155
District Deputy Grand Master 1931

DIED
November 9th, 1948

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Sydney E. Foreman

St. John's Lodge No. 4
Grand Director of Ceremonies 1948

DIED
April 18th, 1949

Alfred H. Steventon

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
District Deputy Grand Master 1928

DIED
May 9th, 1949

Joseph Mills

Ionic Lodge No. 25
Senior Grand Deacon 1916
District Deputy Grand Master 1935

DIED
April 9th, 1949

IN MEMORY
OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE
At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Loftus, Edwin	Jan. 18th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Ferguson, Robt. T.	Feb. 19th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
White, Wm. Jas.	Feb. 23rd, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Scanes, Richard C.	Feb. 24th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Lambert, Wm. N.	Mar. 19th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Bolton, Walter A.	Mar. 24th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Harvey, Geo.	Apr. 5th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Hague, E. W. J.	July 4th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Jamieson, Chas.	July 19th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Holt, H. C.	Aug. 5th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Ward, Wm.	Dec. 20th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Berrisford, Wm.		Lisgar	2
Finkleman, Chas.		Lisgar	2
Sidaway, Albert T.	Jan. 17th, 1948	Ancient Landmark	3
Crawford, Allan G.	Feb. 11th, 1948	Ancient Landmark	3
Harvey, J. C.	June 29th, 1948	Ancient Landmark	3
Mitchell, J. B.	July 4th, 1948	Ancient Landmark	3
Mann, J. C.	July 9th, 1948	Ancient Landmark	3
Oughtred, C. H.	July 28th, 1948	Ancient Landmark	3
Olson, W. J.	Sept. 28th, 1948	Ancient Landmark	3
Lowe, T. W.	Dec. 26th, 1948	Ancient Landmark	3
Cornell, Chas.	Jan. 29th, 1948	St. John's	4
Harris, Robt. H.	Feb.	St. John's	4
Leckie, Robert A.	Apr. 16th, 1948	St. John's	4
Crowley, Clifford T.	Apr. 27th, 1948	St. John's	4
Morley, Geo. H.	May 17th, 1948	St. John's	4
Harris, Geo. H.	May 20th, 1948	St. John's	4
Hood, Henry	June 23rd, 1948	St. John's	4
Donnelly, J. A.	July 24th, 1948	St. John's	4
Barley, S. J.	Aug. 15th, 1948	St. John's	4
Kirkpatrick, Wm.	Aug. 27th, 1948	St. John's	4
Empey, W. E.	Dec. 30th, 1948	St. John's	4
Beer, Leonard	June 7th, 1948	Emerson	6
Grobb, Chas. E.	Jan. 16th, 1948	Assiniboine	7
Sloan, Thos. A.	Feb. 10th, 1948	Assiniboine	7
Munn, Harry C.	Mar. 12th, 1948	Assiniboine	7

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Stewart, Chas. Wm.	Apr. 21st, 1948	Assiniboine	7
Leslie, John G.	July 12th, 1948	Assiniboine	7
Stephens, S. M.	July 18th, 1948	Assiniboine	7
Jackson, H. R.	Oct. 22nd, 1948	Assiniboine	7
Thorne, G. L.	Nov. 25th, 1948	King Solomon	8
Elkin, Sam J.	Feb. 5th, 1948	Northern Light	10
Evans, Stanley M.	Mar. 14th, 1948	Northern Light	10
Scroggie, Jas.	May 11th, 1948	Northern Light	10
Carruthers, Rev. C.	June 5th, 1948	Northern Light	10
Fowler, H. A.	July 7th, 1948	Northern Light	10
Bradley, Wm.	July 25th, 1948	Northern Light	10
VanZant, N. S.	Sept. 15th, 1948	Northern Light	10
Ozouf, H. N.	Sept. 16th, 1948	Stonewall	12
Atkins, Wm. C.	July 24th, 1948	Morden	13
McCarthy, S.	July 12th, 1948	Prince of Wales	14
Andrew, Geo. A.	Sept. 4th, 1948	Prince of Wales	14
McDonald, Ben. H.	Dec. 4th, 1948	Prince of Wales	14
Soldan, Conrad	Mar. 26th, 1948	Corinthian	15
Adair, Russell W. J.	Jan. 3rd, 1948	Brandon	19
Eley, Fred'k.	Jan. 20th, 1948	Brandon	19
Smith, Robt. T.	Mar. 1st, 1948	Brandon	19
Cummings, Jas. A.	Mar. 31st, 1948	Brandon	19
Bye, Geo. D.	Apr. 9th, 1948	Brandon	19
Murray, Geo.	May 17th, 1948	Brandon	19
Saynor, Fred'k.	Oct. 10th, 1948	Brandon	19
Smith, H. B.	Oct. 31st, 1948	Brandon	19
Murdock, Jas.	Mar. 24th, 1948	Neepawa	24
Boulter, Jas.	Aug. 5th, 1948	Neepawa	24
Wethey, H. L.	Oct. 19th, 1948	Neepawa	24
Forsythe, Wm. J.	Oct. 27th, 1948	Neepawa	24
Callow, John B.	Jan. 10th, 1948	Ionic	25
Severin, Albert F. W.	Feb. 11th, 1948	Ionic	25
Rollo, Donald J.	Apr. 15th, 1948	Ionic	25
Springate, Herbert	Apr. 24th, 1948	Ionic	25
McClellan, Robt. A.	May 8th, 1948	Ionic	25
Johnson, Christian A.	June 19th, 1948	Ionic	25

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Cameron, Wm. R. M.	June 29th, 1948	Ionic	25
Evans, O. S.	July 23rd, 1948	Ionic	25
Irvine, W. H. J.	Aug. 7th, 1948	Ionic	25
Somerville, Jas.	Oct. 7th, 1948	Ionic	25
Boughey, E. G.	Oct. 23rd, 1948	Ionic	25
Ibbotson, Anthony, R.	Jan. 9th, 1948	Glenwood	27
Clark, Wm. Henry	Feb. 16th, 1948	Glenwood	27
Gawne, Jno. Wm.	Feb. 21st, 1948	Glenwood	27
Stubbs, M. J.	July 3d, 1948	Glenwood	27
Brandon, Jas. A.	Dec. 3d, 1948	Glenwood	27
Old, Chas. Percy	Mar. 5th, 1948	Manitou	30
Geer, Robt. C.	Jan. 28th, 1948	Doric	36
Josephson, Herman	. 1947	Glenboro	48
Kivelhan, Thos. P.	Feb. 3rd, 1948	Temple	49
Hay, G. A.	July 7th, 1948	Temple	49
Walker, A. E.	Dec. 17th, 1948	Temple	49
Angus, H. F.	Dec. 2nd, 1948	Killarney	50
Rennie, Alex.	Aug. 30th, 1948	Oriental	54
Richardson, Fred'k.	Jan. 14th, 1948	Russell	62
Moore, Edwin	Aug. 2nd, 1948	Russell	62
Thompson, Jas.	Aug. 11th, 1948	Holland	63
Rinn, Jas.	Nov. 28th, 1948	Holland	63
Gustafson, A.	May 19th, 1948	Vermillion	68
Johnson, Clarence L.	May 19th, 1948	Vermillion	68
Skinner, Joseph W.	May 19th, 1948	Vermillion	68
Bottomley, E.	Aug. 12th, 1948	Vermillion	68
Masson, Geo.	July 25th, 1948	Shiloh	70
McConnell, O.	Sept. 21st, 1948	Shiloh	70
Greenway, Ralph W.	Feb. 27th, 1948	Crystal	71
Irvine, Geo. Alfred	June 22nd, 1948	Elkhorn	74
Mitchell, A. O.	Aug. 23rd, 1948	Elkhorn	74
McGillvray, Alex.	Mar. 15th, 1948	Gothic	75
Livesley, John	May 22nd, 1948	Napinka	77
Burgess, Donald H.	Feb. 29th, 1948	Cypress	82
Murdock, Jno.	Feb. 9th, 1948	Hamiota	84

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
McNaught, B. R.	Oct. 15th, 1948	Hamiota	84
McFarlane, Daniel J.	Feb. 28th, 1948	Rathwell	87
Wright, Jas.	July 6th, 1948	Midlothian	90
Orchard, Fred'k. H.	Nov. 28th, 1948	Midlothian	90
Wright, Jas.	Dec. 23rd, 1948	Midlothian	90
Jenkins, Robt.	July 18th, 1948	Shoal Lake	92
Bunn, Albert	Nov. 16th, 1948	Shoal Lake	92
Dowse, Francis R.	Feb, 15th, 1948	King Edward	93
Smythe, Sam'l. J.	Mar. 23rd, 1948	King Edward	93
Wheeler, Jno.	Apr. 23rd, 1948	King Edward	93
Coates, Albert L.	June 18th, 1948	King Edward	93
Taylor, Jas. F.	July 11th, 1948	King Edward	93
Worton, Wm.	Sept. 23rd, 1948	King Edward	93
Anderson, Alex.	Sept. 25th, 1948	King Edward	93
Holland, Thos. J.	Oct. 22nd, 1948	King Edward	93
Piggott, S. A. H.	Nov. 16th, 1948	King Edward	93
Murdock, Harold	Aug. 8th, 1948	Binscarth	101
Rowan, Gilbert	Jan. 4th, 1948	Miniota	102
Sanders, Ray M.	Apr. 19th, 1948	Prince Arthur	105
Plummer, Chalmer C.	Aug. 29th, 1948	Prince Arthur	105
Laing, John	Nov. 26th, 1948	Lansdowne	107
Patton, Wm. Jas.	June 11th, 1948	Kilwinning	110
Watson, Jno. H.	June 23rd, 1948	Acacia	111
Sulkers, Herbert	Oct. 17th, 1948	Acacia	111
Halderson, Wm.	Dec. 6th, 1948	Acacia	111
Mitchell. Clifton T.	Apr. 9th, 1948	Ophir	112
Baker, C. F.	Aug. 25th, 1948	Tweed	113
Rust, L. J.	Oct. 1st, 1948	Tweed	113
Tweltridge, Thos. H.	June 6th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bell, John	Jan. 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bamford, Chas. H. S.	July 19th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Noble, G. B.	Sept. 14th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Macdonald, E. N.	Sept. 20th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Cameron, Duncan	Oct. 8th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Sangster, J. S. L.	Nov. 7th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114

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Berg, Jas. C.	Nov. 8th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Cringan, A. R.	Dec. 9th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Stead, G. H.	Dec. 12th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Sparling, Wm. C.	Jan. 11th, 1948	St. Andrew's	116
Easton, A.	Feb. 7th, 1948	Strathcona	117
Smith, Douglas H.	July 9th, 1948	Strathcona	117
Colquhoun, M. L. B.	Oct. 5th, 1948	Mound	118
Wright, Alfred J.	Mar. 4th, 1948	Norwood	119
Cave, Harry H.	Mar. 28th, 1948	Norwood	119
Kneeshaw, Jno.	May 23rd, 1948	Norwood	119
Royle, Jas. F.	July 16th, 1948	Norwood	119
Warren, Edward	Dec. 21st, 1948	Norwood	119
McEachern, Malcolm	May 5th, 1948	St. James	121
Piper, Walter C.	Nov. 7th, 1948	St. James	121
McKeown, Wm.	Feb. 10th, 1948	Transcona	123
Matheson, Jno. A.	Sept. 13th, 1948	Transcona	123
Esson, Geo.	Nov. 19th, 1948	Transcona	123
Kerwin, Jas. E.	Sept. 28th, 1948	Transcona	123
McIntosh, John G.	Mar. 3rd, 1948	Transcona	123
Greenwood, Ben. J.	June 16th, 1948	Transcona	123
Ross, Thos. Penny	May 11th, 1948	Empire	127
Snell, Geo.	May 17th, 1948	Empire	127
Somersby, Robt.	Sept. 6th, 1948	Empire	127
Paulley, G. G.	Nov. 28th, 1948	Empire	127
Shearer, Wm. A.	Jan. 20th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Fraser, Finlay	Feb. 3rd, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Jones, Owen Price	Apr. 4th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Hay, Walter M.	Nov. 14th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Fleming, Henry M.	Nov. 23rd, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Marchant, E. R.	Dec. 12th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Bruton, John Henry	Mar. 12th, 1948	Kildonan	131
Coulter, Frank W.	Aug. 8th, 1948	Kildonan	131
Reid, A. M.	Aug. 23rd, 1948	Kildonan	131
Nicholls, Wm.	May 3rd, 1948	Sprague	132
Hanson, Joseph H.	Mar. 25th, 1948	McCreary	133

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Clayton, Thos.	Aug. 12th, 1948	Stony Mountain	134
Shaen, Jas.	Sept. 4th, 1948	Capitol	136
Newall, Wm. A.	Dec. 20th, 1948	Capitol	136
Mackie, Wm.	Mar. 25th, 1948	Lord Selkirk	137
Russell, John	Apr. 6th, 1948	Lord Selkirk	137
Jeffrey, Wm. S.	Oct. 5th, 1948	Lord Selkirk	137
Leslie, Wm.	Mar. 29th, 1948	Windsor	138
Hastie, Wm. B.	July 22nd, 1948	Windsor	138
MacLean, Murdo	Sept. 20th, 1948	Beaver	139
MacLean, Donald	Oct. 22nd, 1948	Beaver	139
Sharratt, W. E.	Dec. 2nd, 1948	Beaver	139
Steven, David	Sept. 16th, 1948	Meridian	140
Hopkinson, H. W.	Sept. 19th, 1948	Meridian	140
Berg, J. C.	Nov. 8th, 1948	Meridian	140
Driver, T. H.	Nov. 16th, 1948	Meridian	140
Margot, Wm. G.	May 18th, 1948	Tuscan	141
Rogers, Geo. Fred'k.	June 30th, 1948	Tuscan	141
Haid, Earo	Jan. 23rd, 1948	Mt. Sinai	143
Shragge, Sam. C.	Jan. 27th, 1948	Mt. Sinai	143
Heiman, Wm. M.	May 14th, 1948	Mt. Sinai	143
Lerner, Moe.	Jan. 20th, 1948	Mt. Sinai	143
Bercovitch, I.	Aug. 18th, 1948	Mt. Sinai	143
Shaen, Jas.	Sept. 5th, 1948	Mt. Sinai	143
Adler, Irving	Sept. 11th, 1948	Mt. Sinai	143
Brickman, D. M.	Nov. 26th, 1948	Mt. Sinai	143
Nicholls, Henry R.	Feb. 20th, 1948	Fort Osborne	144
McAllister, Herbert	Feb. 29th, 1948	Fort Osborne	144
Griffin, Arthur	Aug. 14th, 1948	Fort Osborne	144
Potter, John T.	Jan. 2nd, 1948	Sturgeon Creek	145
McFetridge, Wm.	Mar. 19th, 1948	Sturgeon Creek	145
Reading, Jas.	Aug. 1948	Sturgeon Creek	145
Calvert, Wm. J.	Sept. 1948	Sturgeon Creek	145
Browne, E. W.	Dec. 26th, 1948	Sturgeon Creek	145
Boutillier, Jas. Reid	Mar. 13th, 1948	Fidelity	146
Freestone, Thos. I.	May 19th, 1948	Fidelity	146
Strathdee, Jas.	Feb. 17th, 1948	Jubilee	147

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Wright, W. V.	Sept. 26th, 1948	Jubilee	147
Halliwell, H. T.	July 11th, 1948	Seven Oaks	148
Lightley, H. J.	Aug. 5th, 1948	Seven Oaks	148
Phare, Chas. Victor	Jan. 10th, 1948	The Dormer	151
Ball, Geo. Henry	Mar. 4th, 1948	The Dormer	151
Owen, J. R.	Dec. 23rd, 1948	The Dormer	151
Pollock, Andrew	Jan. 31st, 1948	Flin Flon	153
Hodkinson, Ben.	Dec. 3rd, 1948	Flin Flon	153
Loree, L. C. F.	Dec. 17th, 1948	Carman	155
Buckley, Thos. A.	June 10th, 1948	Manitouwapa	156
Smith, Harold B.	Oct. 31st, 1948	Fenwick	158

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Monkman, G. H. N.	Mar. 16th, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Bancroft, H. H.	Dec. 21st, 1948	Prince Rupert's	1
Fordyce, Thos. D.	Mar. 16th, 1948	Lisgar	2
Foster, N. W. R.	Oct. 19th, 1948	Lisgar	2
Mitchell, F. J.	Jan. 19th, 1948	Ancient Landmark	3
Pearce, John G.	Mar. 3rd, 1948	St. John's	4
Craig, Wm. E.	Dec. 6th, 1948	St. John's	4
Brown, H. R.	Dec. 6th, 1948	St. John's	4
Rabinson, A. E.	Feb. 24th, 1948	Assiniboine	7
Ireland, D. R.	Dec. 31st, 1948	Assiniboine	7
Bleue, Robert	Dec. 16th, 1948	Northern Light	10
Sangster, Jno.	Dec. 16th, 1948	Northern Light	10
Charles, Thos.	Jan. 12th, 1948	Gladstone	11
Walker, R. A.	Nov. 8th, 1948	Gladstone	11
Pigott, A. V.	Jan. 15th, 1948	Morden	13
McIntosh, Hugh	Mar. 11th, 1948	Prince of Wales	14
Collins, R. B.	Sept. 10th, 1947	Prince of Wales	14
Burns, M.	Feb. 12th, 1948	Prince of Wales	14
McKay, Wm. D.	July 8th, 1948	Prince of Wales	14
Smith, C. F.	Jan. 13th, 1948	Brandon	19
Smith, Geo. A.	Jan. 13th, 1948	Brandon	19
Stenson, H.	Dec. 14th, 1948	Brandon	19
Hutchings, R. R.	June 8th, 1948	Neepawa	24
Fraser, G. R.	Dec. 14th, 1948	Neepawa	24
Ray, H. C.	Dec. 14th, 1948	Neepawa	24
Duncan, M. K.	Dec. 31st, 1948	Ionic	25
George, Robert S.	Feb. 5th, 1948	Birtle	39
Foster, C. C.	Oct. 5th, 1948	Lebanon	43
Allen, Harry	Dec. 7th, 1948	Lebanon	43
Ready, Norris	Dec. 9th, 1948	Oak Lake	44
Burgess, H. N.	Dec. 31st, 1948	Oak Lake	44
Lightly, R. W.	Dec. 14th, 1948	Glenboro	48
Copple, G. H. S.	Jan. 18th, 1948	Temple	49
Gilroy, Harry B.	Mar. 16th, 1948	Temple	49
Newton, H. L.	Oct. 18th, 1948	Killarney	50
Fraser, S. A.	Nov. 15th, 1948	Killarney	50
Bill, William	Dec. 10th, 1948	Treherne	51
McBurney, F.	Nov. 2nd, 1948	Hartney	52
Snitka, D. S.	Jan. 27th, 1948	Oriental	54
Springer, Chas. A.	Dec. 28th, 1948	Oriental	54
Lamb, Freeman	Apr. 13th, 1948	Russell	62

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Thom, D. H.	Nov. 9th, 1948	Russell	62
Jackson, James	Dec. 8th, 1948	Holland	63
Hoskins, J. J.	Oct. 12th, 1948	Vermillion	68
Arklie, J. J.	Dec. 7th, 1948	Vermillion	68
Fusee, J. M.	Dec. 7th, 1948	Vermillion	68
Lake, M. H.	Dec. 7th, 1948	Vermillion	68
Pearen, J. H.	Oct. 14th, 1948	Shiloh	70
Crosland, Geo.	Dec. 14th, 1948	Crystal	71
Waller, E. G.	Jan. 27th, 1948	Elkhorn	74
Rhind, W. C.	Apr. 12th, 1948	Elkhorn	74
Lyon, A. O.	June 14th, 1948	Elkhorn	74
Gardner, H. T.	Dec. 13th, 1948	Elkhorn	74
Cannon, Thos.	Dec. 13th, 1948	Elkhorn	74
Mills, J. A.	Dec. 13th, 1948	Elkhorn	74
Johnson, M. C.	Jan. 13th, 1948	Elgin	86
Meadows, H. A.	Dec. 16th, 1948	Rathwell	87
Miller, Wm.	Sept. 20th, 1948	Midlothian	90
Walkey, A. E.	Nov. 20th, 1948	Shoal Lake	92
Gorby, B. J.	Dec. 9th, 1948	Shoal Lake	92
Maytum, Edward	Feb. 18th, 1948	King Edward	93
Williams, N. R.	Nov. 17th, 1948	King Edward	93
Watters, F. N.	Apr. 21st, 1948	King Edward	93
Edwards, J. H.	Jan. 19th, 1948	Binscarth	101
Kilpatrick, H. G.	Oct. 18th, 1948	Binscarth	101
Guthrie, R. F.	Apr. 8th, 1948	Reston	104
Giles, Wm.	June 10th, 1948	Reston	104
Scrase, A. E.	Mar. 4th, 1948	Prince Arthur	105
Turner, F. B.	June 15th, 1948	Strathclair	106
Bradley, Carl R.	Nov. 16th, 1948	Strathclair	106
Stonehouse, Thos. D.	Mar. 4th, 1948	Union	108
Kelley, Norman R.	June 16th, 1948	Swan Lake	109
Shewfelt, Clifford	Nov. 10th, 1948	Swan Lake	109
Goodwin, E. S.	Dec. 27th, 1948	Swan Lake	109
Macaulay, A.	Feb. 9th, 1948	Kilwinning	110
Orr, Ray A.	Feb. 9th, 1948	Kilwinning	110
Smith, David	Oct. 13th, 1948	Acacia	111
Janes, W. C. B.	Nov. 10th, 1948	Acacia	111
Maxwell, Thos.	Dec. 8th, 1948	Acacia	111
Jones, Jno. O.	Oct. 1st, 1948	Ophir	112
Johnston, W. C.	Jan. 20th, 1948	Tweed	113
Matheson, Thos.	Jan. 20th, 1948	Tweed	113
Beaton, Norman	Oct. 19th, 1948	Tweed	113

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Huston, Harold A.	Oct. 19th, 1948	Tweed	113
McCullough, H. J.	Oct. 19th, 1948	Tweed	113
Brathwaite, J. W.	Nov. 16th, 1948	Tweed	113
Hill, F. A.	Nov. 16th, 1948	Tweed	113
McGregor, Jno. L.	Nov. 16th, 1948	Tweed	113
Cowan, E. C.	Nov. 16th, 1948	Tweed	113
Offer, F. M.	Nov. 16th, 1948	Tweed	113
Kaufman, L. R.	Dec. 21st, 1948	Tweed	113
Neil, Wm. S.	Dec. 21st, 1948	Tweed	113
Olson, A. W.	Dec. 21st, 1948	Tweed	113
Randall, F. G.	Dec. 21st, 1948	Tweed	113
Snider, C. E.	Dec. 21st, 1948	Tweed	113
Angus, W. C.	Nov. 2nd, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
MacLaren, R. G.	Dec. 7th, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Howse, E. M.	Dec. 31st, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Grant, H. C.	Dec. 31st, 1948	"The Assiniboine"	114
Vernum, W. H.	Oct. 25th, 1948	Rivers	115
Graham, M. E.	Jan. 20th, 1948	St. Andrew's	116
Wilkie, R. O.	Feb. 24th, 1948	St. Andrew's	116
Gibson, J. H.	Mar. 23rd, 1948	St. Andrew's	116
Graham, M. E.	Jan. 20th, 1948	Strathcona	117
Wilkie, R. O.	Feb. 24th, 1948	Strathcona	117
Gibson, F. H.	Mar. 23rd, 1948	Strathcona	117
Blackburn, M. J.	Jan. 22nd, 1948	Mound	118
Allen, Geo.	Nov. 25th, 1948	Mound	118
German, A. H.	Dec. 23rd, 1948	Mound	118
Richardson, Chas. W.	Dec. 9th, 1948	Norwood	119
Toole, Fred C.	Dec. 9th, 1948	Norwood	119
Anderson, A. H.	Dec. 8th, 1948	St. James	121
Forsyth, C. L.	Dec. 8th, 1948	St. James	121
Kane, D. C.	Dec. 8th, 1948	St. James	121
Tribble, C. R.	Dec. 8th, 1948	St. James	121
Westwood, Wm. J.	Dec. 13th, 1948	Roblin	122
Thompson, S. D.	Mar. 5th, 1948	Transcona	123
Fay, Jas. Fred'k.	Dec. 3rd, 1948	Transcona	123
Fraser, Douglas Jas.	Dec. 3rd, 1948	Transcona	123
Martin, J. B.	Feb. 5th, 1948	The Pas	124
Moir, D. W.	Jan. 26th, 1948	Patricia	125
Fulcher, Wm.	Feb. 8th, 1948	Empire	127
Baldwin, D.	May 19th, 1948	Victory	128
Price, John	May 19th, 1948	Victory	128

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Campbell, J. E.	Jan. 14th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Prouse, E. B.	Feb. 11th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Todd, Thomas	Feb. 11th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Smith, Louis	Sept. 8th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Franklin, Douglas	Oct. 13th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Smith, E. J.	Oct. 13th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Mitchell, E. Wm.	Nov. 10th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
Yeardye, A. D.	Dec. 8th, 1948	Fort Garry	130
McKenzie, J. J.	Feb. 10th, 1948	Kildonan	131
Cooper, W. N.	Mar. 5th, 1948	Capitol	136
Kirkhope, Jas.	Sept. 8th, 1948	Lord Selkirk	137
Lock, Albert E.	Oct. 13th, 1948	Lord Selkirk	137
Chudleigh, H. E.	Dec. 13th, 1948	Windsor	138
McKenzie, Ken. B.	Dec. 13th, 1948	Windsor	138
Driver, C. T.	Nov. 15th, 1948	Beaver	139
Willis, Chas.	Nov. 15th, 1948	Beaver	139
Leggatt, R. J.	Dec. 12th, 1948	Beaver	139
Tait, M. V.	Dec. 31st, 1948	Beaver	139
Taylor, J. M.	Jan. 15th, 1948	Meridian	140
Village, A.	Mar. 18th, 1948	Meridian	140
Beach, A.	Apr. 15th, 1948	Meridian	140
Morcom, Wm. H.	Dec. 27th, 1948	Harmony	142
Spear, Leslie I.	Dec. 27th, 1948	Harmony	142
Gussin, David	Nov. 1st, 1948	Mt. Sinai	143
Hill, Chas.	Dec. 7th, 1948	Fort Osborne	144
Olaffson, Jon.	Sept. 13th, 1948	Sturgeon Creek	145
Timmins, C. F. A.	Dec. 3rd, 1948	Fidelity	146
MacSween, P. F.	Oct. 8th, 1948	Seven Oaks	148
Davies, H. N.	Dec. 14th, 1948	Seven Oaks	148
Parsons, Eli	Nov. 2nd, 1948	The Dormer	151
Parsons, Samuel	Nov. 2nd, 1948	The Dormer	151
Leavens, Ashley R.	Nov. 3rd, 1948	Foxwarren	152
Myers, J. W.	June 1st, 1948	Flin Flon	153
Bjornson, S. E.	July 19th, 1948	Manitouwapa	156
Spittal, Jas.	Dec. 20th, 1948	Manitouwapa	156
Ready, Norris F.	Dec. 3rd, 1948	Rice Lake	157
Braun, E.	Nov. 26th, 1948	Fenwick	158
Walton, P. A.	Nov. 26th, 1948	Fenwick	158
Yates, I. E.	Nov. 26th, 1948	Fenwick	158
Yates, R. A.	Nov. 26th, 1948	Fenwick	158

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas. Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston		*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thos. Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	*Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells.
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12th OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER—Continued.

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1915	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	C. F. Hasselfield	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J. Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George R. Calvert

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1935	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	†Dean George R. Calvert
1936	*Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	†Dean G. R. Calvert	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	J. J. Henderson	†Dean G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	J. J. Henderson	†Dean G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	†Dean G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S .H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1943	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	**M. S.** Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell	....	Rev. H. B. Wallace
1946	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	*Alex. Burgess	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	....	†Rev. E. A. Syms
1947	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Alex. Burgess	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	....	†Rev. E. A. Syms
1948	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	Hugh A. Innes	W. Percy White	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	....	Rev. R. S. Montgomery
1949	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	Hugh A. Innes	G. A. McMorran	W. Percy White	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	....	Rev. R. S. Montgomery

* Dead † Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Jas. M. Brown	W. K. Mulock	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	N. K. Stevens	John Veitch	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	P. C. Jessiman	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	C. S. Landon	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	Wm. Leverenz	K. C. R. Coulter	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	W. Dalzell	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	E. K. Reid	O. B. Cossitt	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	D. Mitchell	Robt. Collier	Third Thursday
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	W. J. McLaughlin	C. Wallis	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	C. S. Trick	M. R. Good	First Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	M. Rabinovitch	Wm. Godfrey	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	D. A. McInnes	E. Kitchingman	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	L. G. Pettapiece	Arthur Dennis	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	J. Michie	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	C. Mann	Arthur Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	F. Tinkler	E. L. Hardie	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	J. McInnes	H. A. Croll	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	J. C. Marnock	R. J. Hood	Second Tuesday
30	Manitou	Manitou	E. L. Johnston	H. R. Lawson	First Monday
36	Doric	Boissevain	L. G. C. Washington	C. A. McKenzie	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	W. J. G. Morris	T. A. Wilson	Third Monday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	J. W. Falconer	H. V. Boles	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	G. A. Mooney	Clarence Moore	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	L. C. Story	P. W. Paul	Second Thursday
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	R. D. Taft	A. S. Hames	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	MacGregor	V. O. McKelvy	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	W. T. Dorward	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	L. A. Cottam	L. E. Staples	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	W. F. Roper	J. L. Crowe	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	C. E. Cornish	J. G. Cobb	Fourth Tuesday
55	East Star	Gretna	D. J. Friesen	C. L. Hayward	First Thursday
62	Russell	Russell	C. R. Beswatherick	C. E. Whitmer	Second Tuesday
63	Holland	Holland	G. Taylor	W. H. Zachary	Second Wednesday
64	Composite	Alexander	R. D. Rabe	L. W. Skinner	Third Thursday
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	I. S. Mackay	C. L. Atkinson	Monday on or before full moon

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
68	**Vermillion**	Dauphin	W. Caley	A. L. Wrye	First Tuesday
70	**Shiloh**	Roland	D. J. H. Phillips	C. H. Glover	Second Thursday
71	**Crystal**	Crystal City	G. S. Mutch	R. S. McGill	Second Tuesday
74	**Elkhorn**	Elkhorn	T. A. Kerr	H. J. Jones	Second Monday
75	**Gothic**	Austin	J. W. Lamonby	W. E. Collier	Second Wednesday
77	**Napinka**	Napinka	M. L. Yeomans	A. S. Baskier	First Thursday
82	**Cypress**	Cypress River	M. I. Connon	R. I. Connon	First Thursday
84	**Hamiota**	Hamiota	N. A. Curll	A. Cummings	Fourth Tuesday
86	**Elgin**	Elgin	J. A. McDole	E. J. Smillie	Second Tuesday
87	**Rathwell**	Rathwell	A. H. MacDonald	E. B. Litz	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	**Midlothian**	Miami	W W. Scott	A. C. Orchard	Third Monday
92	**Shoal Lake**	Shoal Lake	J. W. Musgrove	B. H. Manning	Second Thursday
93	**King Edward**	Winnipeg	A. E. Ritchie	S. A. Restall	Third Wednesday
94	**Hiram**	Grandview	W. R. McNichol	D. N. McIntyre	Third Thursday
100	**Robbie Burns**	Gilbert Plains	Jesse Edge	W. A. Knott	Second Wednesday
101	**Binscarth**	Binscarth	T. McLennan	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	**Miniota**	Miniota	G. A. Rowan	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	**Crescent**	Elm Creek	M. A. Parker	J. R. Ivey	First Wednesday
104	**Reston**	Reston	F. S. Patmore	John Cuthill	Second Thursday
105	**Prince Arthur**	Swan River	E. M. Brown	P. E. Zinger	First Thursday
106	**Strathclair**	Strathclair	V. T. S. Snowden	H. W. Clark	Third Tuesday
107	**Lansdowne**	Griswold	A. Moar	J. G. McMillan	Fourth Wednesday
108	**Union**	Brookdale	L. L. Mikkelson	J A. Mills	First Thursday
109	**Swan Lake**	Swan Lake	J. H. Schenk	G. O. Couch	Wednesday on or before full moon
110	**Kilwinning**	Minto	W. Fleming	Wm. Flewitt	Second Monday
111	**Acacia**	Winnipeg	H. Purton	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	**Ophir**	Beausejour	G. J. Smith	Ben. Warkentin	First Friday
113	**Tweed**	Brandon	G. Butler	Ed. Braun	Third Tuesday
114	**"The Assiniboine"**	Winnipeg	D. L. McLean	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	**Rivers**	Rivers	O. W. Brown	R. G. Sinclair	Last Monday
116	**St. Andrew's**	Wellwood	A. G. Lord	J. H. Caldwell	Monday on or after full moon
117	**Strathcona**	Belmont	J. W. Harrison	D. G. MacFarlane	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	**Mound**	Pilot Mound	D. S. Later	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	**Norwood**	Norwood	D. Milne	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	**Penza**	Dominion City	R. W. Witty	A. G. Froom	Fourth Tuesday

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
121	St. James	St. James	G. W. Souter	Thos. King	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	W. G. Ford	Geo. Kelso	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	C J. Sayer	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	S. S. Williams	Wm. Howie	First Thursday
125	Patricia	Sperling	J. B. Hooper	J. J. Tjaden	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	J. J. H. Tiffin	H. Laing	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Winnipeg	J McGowan	Jas. Wardrope	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	W. J. Schneider	H. S. Tax	Third Wednesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	M. G. McKenzie	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	Winnipeg	D. Carnegie	A. H. Brotheridge	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	J. Mills	D. L. Thomson	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	S. L. Harris	T. E. Squire	Second Wednesday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	E. R. R. Mills	J. S. Wilson	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	J. P. Edgar	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	F. W. Sneesby	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	J F. Orr	J. B. McClure	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	F. M. Bastin	F. H. Herbert	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	A. C. Cabel	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	D. Rothstein	A. R. Simpson	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	G. H. Dennison	S. W. Smith	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai	Winnipeg	H. Haid	F. B. Dubinsky	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	C. L. Bagnall	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	H. S. Simpson	L. D. Bester	Second Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	G. H. Ross	Wm. Wilson	First Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	A. R. Sutherland	G. V. Jenkins	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	Winnipeg	W. T. J. Pearce	A. C. Pritchard	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	F. J. Baudic	C. I. Day	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	Winnipeg	A. C. Keel	Robt. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	W. Lougheed	V. G. Hillcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	F. M. Duncan	W. A. Young	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	E. J. Kahle	B. H. Campbell	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	C. Metcalfe	J. A. Leslie	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	F. O'Connell	W. A. L. Armstrong	Third Monday
157	Rice Lake	Bissett	W. G. Dack	F. R. DuVal	First Friday
158	Fenwick	Brandon	F. H. Young	F. M. Offer	Fourth Friday
159	Newdale	Newdale	S. H. Dayton	R. G. Brown	First Thursday

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1947	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1948
1	Prince Rupert's	10	11	17	4	2	2	1	....	12	411	412
2	Lisgar	10	18	18	2	3	2	....	....	2	153	164
3	Ancient Landmark	11	15	15	1	4	1	2	....	9	354	358
4	St. John's	20	25	9	3	2	3	2	....	12	603	611
6	Emerson	3	4	4	....	2	....	....	....	1	71	75
7	Assiniboine	18	21	22	5	3	2	2	....	8	256	270
8	King Solomon	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	72	71
10	Northern Light	21	21	20	5	3	2	....	..	7	305	325
11	Gladstone	7	7	4	....	....	2	....	....	....	75	80
12	Stonewall	5	4	4	....	1	....	....	....	2	117	121
13	Morden	5	9	10	2	....	1	....	....	1	88	93
14	Prince of Wales	6	7	7	....	....	3	....	....	3	115	115
15	Corinthian	....	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	66	65
19	Brandon	15	15	16	5	1	3	....	....	8	228	238
24	Neepawa	10	11	11	1	....	3	....	....	4	164	168
25	Ionic	35	36	37	9	2	1	1	....	11	571	604
27	Glenwood	5	5	5	....	2	....	....	....	5	167	169
29	Carberry	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	2	74	72
30	Manitou	1	1	1	1	1	....	1	....	1	64	65
36	Doric	6	6	5	1	....	....	1	....	3	96	99
39	Birtle	3	3	3	2	1	1	....	....	....	53	58
40	Deloraine	4	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	86	90
43	Lebanon	9	7	6	1	....	2	1	....	....	103	110
44	Oak Lake	6	6	9	....	1	2	1	....	....	31	35
48	Glenboro	1	....	3	....	....	1	1	....	2	65	62
49	Temple	3	4	4	1	...	2	1	....	4	89	86

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50	Killarney........	4	5	5	1	1	2	1	....	1	72	74
51	Treherne.........	8	7	5	....	1	1	....	....	....	56	64
52	Hartney.........	....	5	4	2	....	1	....	....	....	101	102
54	Oriental.........	7	4	....	....	1	2	...	....	1	58	63
55	East Star.......	8	8	12	...	1	....	...	....	....	36	45
62	Russell..........	5	3	3	4	....	2	1	....	2	56	60
63	Holland.........	1	1	2	....	2	1	....	....	3	68	67
64	Composite.......	2	2	2	....	....	....	1	....	1	55	55
67	Wawanesa.......	2	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	59	63
68	Vermillion	11	10	9	1	1	4	9	...	4	186	182
70	Shiloh..........	1	....	1	....	1	1	....	....	2	84	83
71	Crystal..........	4	3	3	1	....	1	....	....	1	70	73
74	Elkhorn.........	1	1	1	1	1	6	....	....	2	53	48
75	Gothic..........	1	2	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	58	59
77	Napinka.........	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	71	71
82	Cypress.........	1	3	1	....	1	....	1	....	2	43	42
84	Hamiota.........	6	7	6	1	....	....	....	....	2	64	69
86	Elgin...........	3	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	...	71	73
87	Rathwell........	2	2	2	1	....	1	....	....	1	23	24
90	Midlothian......	2	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	3	80	78
92	Shoal Lake......	....	..	...	2	....	2	1	....	2	85	82
93	King Edward...	10	10	10	....	2	3	1	....	9	310	309
94	Hiram..........	2	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	85	88
100	Robbie Burns....	1	...	..	....	1	...	....	....	1	34	35
101	Binscarth.......	2	1	1	1	....	2	....	....	1	37	37
102	Miniota.........	....	1	1	....	1	...	1	....	1	58	57
103	Crescent........	10	8	6	....	1	2	...	....	....	75	84

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104	Reston	10	8	8	....	1	2	1	....	....	162	170
105	Prince Arthur	6	5	4	3	....	1	....	....	2	97	103
106	Strathclair	1	1	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	53	52
107	Lansdowne	5	4	4	1	....	....	1	....	1	47	51
108	Union	....	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	1	49	48
109	Swan Lake	5	1	2	1	....	3	1	....	....	36	38
110	Kilwinning	1	1	1	2	....	2	....	....	1	52	52
111	Acacia	16	17	20	2	2	3	....	....	3	242	256
112	Ophir	16	10	7	2	....	1	1	....	1	60	75
113	Tweed	10	7	7	2	3	14	2	....	2	277	274
114	"The Assiniboine"	9	15	12	9	....	4	....	....	10	354	358
115	Rivers	14	10	8	....	1	1	....	....	....	62	76
116	St. Andrew's	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	36	36
117	Strathcona	2	2	2	....	....	8	....	....	2	63	55
118	Mound	9	9	7	....	3	3	....	....	1	75	83
119	Norwood	18	18	18	1	3	2	1	....	5	241	255
120	Penza	2	3	3	....	1	....	....	....	1	40	42
121	St. James	11	11	11	2	2	4	....	....	2	225	234
122	Roblin	6	6	6	....	....	1	....	....	....	62	67
123	Transcona	10	6	6	1	1	3	....	....	5	168	172
124	The Pas	6	7	7	2	1	1	....	....	1	113	120
125	Patricia	3	4	4	....	....	2	....	....	....	46	47
126	Favel	4	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	51	56
127	Empire	13	12	12	1	1	1	1	....	4	163	172
128	Victory	1	2	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	52	51

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1947	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1948
130	Fort Garry	23	19	21	7	....	8	3	....	8	247	258
131	Kildonan	5	8	8	2	....	1	....	....	3	124	127
132	Sprague	3	7	8	....	....	....	....	....	1	32	34
133	McCreary	5	5	5	1	....	....	....	1	1	49	53
134	Stony Mountain	2	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	2	68	69
136	Capitol	23	22	22	3	1	1	....	....	2	217	241
137	Lord Selkirk	11	6	6	3	....	2	3	....	3	109	115
138	Windsor	15	12	12	5	....	2	....	....	2	153	169
139	Beaver	24	19	19	5	....	4	6	....	3	260	276
140	Meridian	24	22	22	4	1	3	3	....	5	314	332
141	Tuscan	9	10	6	1	1	....	....	....	3	91	99
142	Harmony	....	....	....	2	....	2	....	....	...	33	33
143	Mt. Sinai	15	13	12	4	1	1	....	....	8	273	284
144	Fort Osborne	13	19	19	....	....	1	3	....	3	163	169
145	Sturgeon Creek	13	14	14	....	3	1	1	....	5	129	138
146	Fidelity	22	18	19	3	....	1	....	....	2	194	216
147	Jubilee	6	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	2	54	58
148	Seven Oaks	10	10	15	1	....	2	3	....	2	105	109
150	Cartwright	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	36	36
151	The Dormer	7	7	7	8	....	2	....	....	3	85	95
152	Foxwarren	2	3	3	....	....	1	....	....	...	36	37
153	Flin Flon	12	10	10	4	....	1	....	....	2	116	129
154	Pine Falls	5	3	2	1	....	....	....	....	...	54	60
155	Carman	5	3	3	3	....	....	4	....	2	70	72
156	Manitouwapa	5	5	5	1	....	2	3	....	2	73	72

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1948—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1947	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1948
157	Rice Lake......	8	7	12	1	...	1	...	...	...	17	25
158	Fenwick........	14	14	13	7	...	4	...	...	1	63	79
159	Newdale........	12	10	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	9	23

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STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's	9	6	15	133	271	74	15	130.00	1,994.41	819.33	564.25	17,718.39	2,000.00	Active	2	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	6	15	82	276	85	29	325.00	161.42	287.76	640.16	31,167.54	2,900.00	Active	2	Rent
4	St. John's	9	9	18	145	454	100	--	885.70	190.00	281.10	485.00	21,844.93	-------	Active	2	Rent
10	Northern Light	9	6	15	80	245	75	23	210.00	405.00	1,613.49	170.00	12,741.30	1,500.00	Active	2	Rent
25	Ionic	10	13	23	150	454	116	33	436.00	433.19	2,876.26	1,850.00	54,146.51	2,500.00	Active	2	Rent
93	King Edward	9	6	15	70	233	80	33	361.00	242.79	536.37	209.75	8,820.02	1,600.00	Active	2	Rent
111	Acacia	9	8	17	51	206	54	27	185.00	320.00	2,160.05	1,015.00	10,830.90	1,000.00	Active	2	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	2	12	79	279	70	5	51.00	231.99	801.61	371.00	17,431.61	1,500.00	Active	2	Rent
119	Norwood	9	10	19	44	211	75	18	154.00	60.00	660.48	132.00	10,294.84	8,700.00	Active	2	Own
121	St. James	9	8	17	32	200	70	30	275.00	129.50	1,029.61	70.00	11,334.61	1,000.00	Active	2	Rent
127	Empire	9	9	18	27	144	55	13	160.00	397.64	1,505.62	877.71	7,768.29	6,000.00	Active	2	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

7	Assiniboine	10	24	34	105	166	50	20	160.00	71.44	1,065.95	395.50	19,183.17	27,500.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone	12	5	17	30	50	19	7	56.00	50.20	296.40	60.00	5,086.40	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
24	Neepawa	10	8	18	56	112	43	8	70.00	141.45	293.25	1,896.00	3,697.25	3,000.00	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry	11	2	13	35	35	192	10	64.00	27.50	288.66	51.75	3,866.91	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple	12	5	17	27	57	25	10	55.00	60.00	322.75	60.75	4,362.00	3,500.00	Active	1	Own
75	Gothic	12	1	13	24	36	18	6	50.00	25.00	89.59	345.00	1,594.59	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union	9	1	10	24	24	12	5	41.00	-----	233.91	36.00	2,133.66	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
116	St. Andrew's	9	2	11	23	14	12	8	72.00	56.50	1,386.41	25.25	2,561.16	200.00	Active	1	Rent
133	McCreary	12	1	13	13	39	18	5	50.00	55.80	196.47	1,278.00	3,318.47	2,000.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro	10	1	11	26	36	18	2	14.00	181.13	551.67	42.75	858.92	350.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne	10	2	12	20	47	34	2	12.00	5.00	334.34	-----	3,334.34	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
63	Holland	10	3	13	30	37	24	12	72.00	-----	566.82	-----	1,466.82	400.00	Active	1	Rent
67	Wawanesa	10	1	11	16	47	25	--	125.00	75.84	142.07	-----	992.07	250.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress	10	2	12	17	21	11	6	70.00	-----	346.45	-----	546.45	600.00	Active	1	Rent
87	Rathwell	11	--	11	6	17	13	6	36.00	-----	320.87	-----	607.37	300.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent	9	2	11	22	62	30	--	-----	63.18	149.05	-----	2,111.05	800.00	Active	1	Rent
109	Swan Lake	8	1	9	9	27	15	2	78.00	-----	688.77	85.00	803.77	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
117	Strathcona	12	1	13	20	38	19	14	105.00	200.00	673.16	-----	2,573.16	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
13	Morden	10	3	13	51	43	20	14	84.00	90.00	1,029.76	-----	2,929.82	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou	9	--	9	24	40	18	7	69.00	45.00	488.48	5.00	3,271.85	300.00	Active	1	Rent
36	Doric	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----	-----	------	-----	------	------	--------	-------	-------
50	Killarney	11	--	11	20	54	25	7	33.00	-----	452.88	-----	2,202.38	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	12	--	12	22	50	10	5	25.00	-----	700.33	-----	1,200.38	200.00	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	12	1	13	19	64	32	9	88.00	66.72	694.83	-----	1,195.13	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright	10	1	11	17	19	10	6	35.00	104.00	464.44	-----	604.44	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
14	Prince of Wales	10	5	15	57	60	28	28	252.90	77.00	391.74	-----	7,644.74	6,000.00	Active	2	Own
15	Corinthian	10	2	12	6	59	20	10	70.00	-----	217.86	71.75	3,516.11	2,600.00	Active	2	Own
39	Birtle	11	--	11	19	39	20	7	50.00	65.81	322.71	-----	6,101.56	5,000.00	Active	2	Own
62	Russell	12	3	15	19	38	19	5	44.00	90.03	1,123.25	1,880.00	4,743.25	5,200.00	Active	1	Own
84	Hamiota	12	2	14	9	58	24	2	10.00	212.86	626.38	-----	886.38	200.00	Active	2	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	10	2	12	42	40	13	24	144.00	-----	722.35	606.50	2,119.85	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth	10	--	10	11	26	10	24	192.00	-----	202.01	-----	902.01	500.00	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota	11	1	12	30	27	15	8	45.00	10.00	427.06	-----	5,027.06	3,325.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair	12	1	13	16	35	17	3	17.00	70.00	158.13	57.75	2,600.38	1,500.00	Active	2	Own
115	Rivers	11	3	14	29	48	18	10	62.00	15.00	1,268.80	-----	3,568.80	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony	7	1	8	13	20	10	1	5.00	-----	192.86	-----	692.86	500.00	Active	2	Rent
152	Foxwarren	11	--	11	14	22	16	1	5.00	-----	375.91	-----	1,860.91	1,300.00	Active	1	Own
159	Newdale	11	1	12	2	21	17	--	-----	-----	204.22	41.25	603.72	500.00	Active	2	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
27	Glenwood	11	6	17	81	88	26	20	124.50	358.81	1,065.37	875.57	13.069.80	12,000.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	11	2	13	21	72	30	9	68.00	------	820.01	12,807.38	21,982.14	10,450.00	Active	1	Own
52	Hartney	12	--	12	50	56	32	17	119.00	289.27	555.10	148.00	826.10	800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	11	1	12	17	45	18	4	40.00	106.50	538.93	150.85	2,400.22	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka	12	--	12	29	43	15	13	75.00	------	217.41	------	917.41	100.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	9	--	9	14	59	23	5	30.00	30.00	442.45	------	792.45	------	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	4	16	25	144	49	14	128.00	329.89	622.45	------	14,622.45	11,500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	9	1	10	24	28	12	9	54.00	71.98	67.03	300.00	906.61	2,300.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon	10	15	25	76	162	38	26	180.00	739.96	2,641.30	------	10,195.05	300.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon	12	1	13	65	45	22	6	80.00	265.57	722.08	88.10	2,333.98	300.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake	11	3	14	15	21	12	10	57.00	177.55	120.34	100.00	2,770.34	1,900.00	Active	1	Own
64	Composite	10	2	12	20	35	22	3	18.00	40.00	268.72	10.00	2,336.72	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
74	Elkhorn	11	1	12	27	20	14	8	67.50	300.00	330.90	2,407.00	523.90	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne	12	2	14	12	38	17	36	287.00	211.57	170.33	------	712.01	800.00	Active	1	Rent
113	Tweed	10	12	22	86	187	45	39	294.00	810.60	1,340.01	557.41	19,281.60	------	Active	1	Rent
158	Fenwick	12	12	24	4	75	25	--	-----	25.00	825.83	66.00	883.20	------	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

6	Emerson	12	3	15	31	44	17	15	222.00	69.00	375.05	------	7,087.85	3,700.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Soloman	12	--	12	33	37	20	10	128.00	11.65	287.13	------	3,337.18	2,700.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star	6	2	8	31	10	12	12	104.50	-----	553.56	------	1,553.66	900.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh	10	1	11	21	62	30	11	75.00	90.00	1,149.15	29.05	5,424.15	250.00	Active	1	Rent
90	Midlothian	10	5	15	35	44	20	9	73.00	191.51	643.89	600.00	1,809.32	150.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	11	2	13	10	33	20	3	20.00	27.50	239.21	------	2,239.21	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia	10	1	11	12	37	20	--	-----	202.00	467.09	1,199.34	1,217.09	300.00	Active	1	Rent
132	Sprague	10	4	14	15	18	10	12	139.00	------	287.92	------	887.92	Fire	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman	10	1	11	15	61	30	5	38.00	84.05	387.60	------	1,187.60	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion	11	3	14	56	123	40	32	249.85	34.70	790.74	2,453.69	5,537.05	7,000.00	Active	1	Own
94	Hiram	12	--	12	36	52	26	10	62.00	247.31	333.00	100.00	4,083.00	2,500.00	Active	2	Own
100	Robbie Burns	10	2	12	15	18	12	1	6.00	------	199.60	------	999.60	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur	12	6	18	36	65	23	18	170.00	491.00	750.49	------	1,750.49	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin	11	2	13	17	50	26	--	------	------	449.00	------	3,835.82	1,600.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel	12	1	13	16	40	17	11	85.00	------	518.21	------	1,018.21	500.00	Active	1	Rent
128	Victory	9	1	10	15	36	15	4	20.00	------	681.55	------	1,431.53	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	11	1	12	20	38	15	9	72.00	47.13	212.55	------	662.55	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
2	Lisgar	10	5	15	52	111	40	36	388.00	53.00	1,356.90	------	5,356.90	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall	12	3	15	31	90	45	9	72.00	60.00	66.29	600.00	3,766.29	3,500.00	Active	1	Own
112	Ophir	10	6	16	8	66	30	15	94.10	175.00	581.48	------	5,481.48	4,300.00	Active	1	Own
123	Transcona	10	8	18	31	141	32	13	132.00	343.70	2,159.15	------	5,010.23	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan	9	6	15	22	105	48	10	85.00	734.85	751.29	109.25	5,658.44	500.00	Active	1	Rent
134	Stony Mountain	11	1	12	35	34	20	6	26.00	141.68	521.22	371.60	1,859.57	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks	9	5	14	15	93	40	17	124.00	34.27	902.99	120.00	7,976.99	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
151	The Dormer	9	7	16	4	91	45	6	60.00	153.85	527.35	290.00	3,734.69	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls	10	4	14	22	37	18	4	16.50	------	1,084.07	182.91	2,716.52	400.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa	9	2	11	13	57	35	2	15.00	257.30	1,060.91	389.15	1,572.76	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	12	21	43	214	70	25	207.00	167.70	225.14	264.00	5,388.02	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	9	18	38	203	80	12	145.00	385.00	810.00	------	2,510.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk	9	--	9	22	92	40	10	106.00	449.99	1,309.71	------	3,829.71	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor	9	7	16	26	145	70	18	168.00	880.00	31.91	463.56	23,581.68	20,500.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	9	18	61	225	60	25	356.00	370.50	2,716.00	337.80	5,481.17	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	8	17	45	287	90	27	250.00	386.11	427.99	641.00	13,307.80	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
141	Tuscan	9	--	9	20	98	25	8	159.50	265.00	1,266.50	------	2,176.58	350.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mt. Sinai	9	7	16	36	248	75	22	239.00	100.00	2,709.43	924.79	10,174.64	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne	9	7	16	32	137	60	12	117.15	221.84	448.72	------	4,479.77	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek	9	4	13	21	118	50	13	138.00	257.00	1,343.92	------	3,581.42	800.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	7	16	25	192	55	19	240.00	215.98	1,092.42	120.00	8,225.22	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER 31st DECEMBER, 1948

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
124	The Pas	10	7	17	50	70	20	5	57.50	132.00	367.72	860.72	11,680.82	8,400.00	Active	1	Own
153	Flin Flon	10	15	25	46	83	55	25	181.25	196.50	840.72	4,194.21	6,480.46	9,000.00	Active	1	Own
157	Rice Lake	9	2	11	--	25	17	--	-----	61.00	64.50	27.75	566.87	500.00	Active	2	Rent

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Montgomery
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary
Alpina	F. Muller-Ruegg	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona	Joseph A. E. Ivey	Tuscon, P.O. Box 1488
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	W. R. Simpson	Vancouver 692 Seymour Ave.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario)	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili	Rene Court	Santiago
Colombia	Enrique de Paramo	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver, 319 Masonic Temple
Connecticut	Earle K. Haling	Hartford
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba	Dr. Constantino Pais	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark	K. J. Nilsson	Copenhagen, 23 Blegsdamvej.
District of Columbia	Aubrey H. Clayton	Washington, D. C.
Equador	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza	Guayaquil
England	Sydney A. White	London
Egypt	Mohammed Bey Riffatt	Cairo, Box 148
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville (2)
France, G. L.	Marc Rabrosse	8 Rue Puteaux
France, N. G. L.	H. J. Hantler	Paris 19, c/o Gillette
Guatemala	Oscar Paz Pinto G.	Guatamala City
Georgia	Daniel W. Lochlin	Macon, 801 Mulberry St.
Honduras	Constantino S. Ramos	Honduras, C. A.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	William H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	Earl B. Dalzell	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	New Orleans
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Boston, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, York G. L.	Fred T. Berger	Mexico City, D.F. Apt. 1896
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian, Box 1030
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	Kansas City
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Omaha, 401 Masonic Temple
Netherlands	Dr. A. A. Galestin	Holland—'s Gravenhage
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City, 500 Mountain St.
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430.
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord, 44 S. Main St.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	LaMoine Langston	Albuquerque
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Geo. R. Irving	New York (10)
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Christchurch, C. I. P.O. Box 1293
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Norway	Col. J. P. Graff-Wang	N. Voldgate 19, Oslo
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Portland
Panama	Julio Icaza	Panama, Apartado 84
Paraiba	Orlando-Rego Luna	Paraiba, Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands		
Puerto Rico	Angel M. Torres	San Juan
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	F. G. Radford	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	Jose Rodrigues	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Santa Domingo	Jose Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Sao Paulo	Joffre Prestes	Sao Paulo, Brazil, P.O. Box 261
Scotland	Alex. Buchan	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas	George H. Belew	Montevideo
Uruguay	Luis Mario Limido	Waco
Utah	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Victoria	William Stewart	Melbourne, 25 Collins St
Vienna		
Virginia	James F. Clift	Richmond
Washington	John L. Preisener	Tacoma
West Virginia	I. Wade Coffman	Charleston, P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	F. W. M. Sanders	Perth, Box d-117, G.P.O.
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina (Switzerland)	Wm. Planta	Berne	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chili	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Eric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Tomas E. Sierra	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 4, 1946
District of Columbia	Needham C. Tumage	Washington	July 20, 1908
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
Egypt	Alfred Seffer	Cairo	Dec. 8, 1925
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	April 2, 1940
France, G. L.	Louis Doignan	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Irving Stahl	Guatemala	Oct. 31, 1945
Georgia	John W. Evans	Athens	Oct. 12, 1947
Honduras	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	Harry J. Beers	New Albany	Feb. 5, 1945
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G. L.	R. B. E. Turnbull	Mexico City	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Clyde E. Hegman	St. Paul	June 27, 1949
Mississipi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	W. J. Johnston	Thompson Falls	July 8, 1937
Nebraska	Ernest C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	Dr. M. ten Cate	Bolsward	April 16, 1948
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire	Donald W. Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	John G. Benton	Jal	Dec. 4, 1945
New South Wales	Sidney A. Taplin	Drummayne	Aug. 5, 1947
New York	Carl A. Mehne	Valhalla	Mar. 20, 1948
New Zealand	Robt. W. Carpenter	Hawk's Bay	Mar. 4, 1948
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July 10, 1935
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan. 5, 1939
Norway	Sigurd Halvorsen	Oslo	July 30, 1948
Nova Scotia	Rev. G. R. Thompson	Truro	May 18, 1943

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Ohio	Forest R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	J. Gard Duncan	Wapanucka	Dec. 31, 1946
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Maurice J. Piza Gabriel	Panama	Jan. 21, 1949
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	Leon G.Reyes	Caguas	May 4, 1945
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May 8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island	Howard V. Allan	Warwick	July 29, 1948
Rio de Janeiro	L. Bert Love	Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 11, 1944
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jan. 5, 1939
Saskatchewan	F. C. Hayes	Swift Current	July 23, 1945
Scotland	O Macneill Watson	Glasgow	Aug. 19. 1948
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug. 1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April 24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar. 1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Uruguay	Martin M. Narancio	Montevideo	Feb. 8, 1949
Utah	John W. Buck	Park City	Oct. 4, 1945
Vermont	A. Horace Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	R. A. Hutchinson	Manassas	Mar. 27, 1942
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellenburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia	Thos. H. Bath	Perth	Dec. 13, 1946
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	B. Warkentin	Beausejour	Mar. 24, 1948
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 22, 1930
Arizona	Oliver L. Best	Winnipeg	Mar. 29, 1944
Arkansas	Fred. H. Blythe	Winnipeg	Sept. 5, 1947
British Columbia	J. C. Grant	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1945
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sep. 13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May 13, 1920
Colombia	A. S. McCann	Winnipeg	
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May 21, 1935
Costa Rica	J. D. Lloyd	Emerson	Feb. 7, 1949
Cuba, Island of	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May 27, 1940
Delaware	H. A. Adair	Treherne	Jan. 23, 1946
Denmark	Stanley H. Fahrni	Portage la Prairie	Oct. 17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. C. Cabel	Winnipeg	
Ecuador	S. W. Robertson	Winnipeg	Apr. 26, 1946
Egypt	Ed. T. Hardman	Newdale	June 2, 1934
England	Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June 12, 1935
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	Apr. 30, 1945
France, N. G. L.	Chas. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
Guatemala			
Georgia	W. A. Prugh	Brandon	June 5, 1947
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	Stephen J. Sametz	Winnipeg	Mar. 7, 1949
Illinois	Wm. R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	Robt. E. Emmett	St. James	Apr. 3, 1944
Ireland	John T. Boyd	Winnipeg	Oct. 3, 1935
Kansas	J. V. Dillabough	Norwood	Mar. 5, 1948
Kentucky	Wm. McLellan	Winnipeg	Oct. 10, 1945
Louisiana	Chas. E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Winnipeg	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	David Ferguson	Moosehorn	Nov. 5, 1945
Massachusetts	Hugh A. Innes	Winnipeg	May 1, 1945
Mexico, York G. L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	A. J. Sawatzky	Morris	May 23, 1949
Minnesota	Ben. C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan. 13, 1938
Mississipi	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg	Feb. 9, 1945
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Winnipeg	Jan. 31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	Harry A. Kaplan	Winnipeg	May 14, 1949
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July 9, 1921
Nevada	Harry Coddington	Winnipeg	June 4, 1947
New Brunswick	Robt. A. McKenzie	Roland	May 16, 1949
New Hampshire	W. D. G. Runions	Winnipeg	Nov. 22, 1948
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbett	Stonewall	May 27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 10, 1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June 10, 1921
New York	Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robt. Peel	Miniota	Sep. 4, 1941
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	McKenzie Island	Jan. 18, 1937
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	MacGregor	Oct. 24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	A. E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
Oklahoma	Harry M. Smith	Melita	Feb. 24, 1941

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Oregon	J. James Henderson	St. James	June 20, 1924
Paraiba	Alex. Campbell	Winnipeg	June 15, 1946
Philippine Islands	John Livesey	Swan River	May 22, 1947
Panama	R. J. Timms	Virden	Jan. 21, 1949
Puerto Rico	Geo. V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	F. B. Lynes	Crystal City	June 3, 1948
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland	Geo P. Fairbairn	Winnipeg	Aaug. 23, 1948
Rhode Island	J. R. C. Evans	Brandon	Oct. 18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro	W. C. McDonald	Roland	Apr. 12, 1947
Santa Domingo	Wm. G. Shaw	Elgin	May 30, 1932
Saskatchewan	Harry H. Gray	Winnipeg	Nov. 10, 1948
Scotland	Wm. Douglas	Winnipeg	Feb. 11, 1936
South Australia	Daniel Hawe	Benito	Jan. 14, 1931
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940
South Dakota	Jas. Wardrope	Winnipeg	Apr. 10, 1945
Tasmania	Thos. L. Dodsworth	Winnipeg	July 21, 1945
Tennessee	Jas. S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Binscarth	Feb. 14, 1941
Uruguay	Ernest A. Baragar	Elm Creek	June 1, 1949
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May 13, 1932
Victoria	Raymond M. Snider	Stonewall	June 20, 1945
Virginia	Clarence Hyde	Portage la Prairie	Nov. 25, 1948
Washington	Geo. R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May 20, 1929
West Virginia	David Griffith	St. Vital	Nov. 27, 1944
Western Australia	Jas. B. McClure	St. Vital	Sept. 17, 1948
Wisconsin	Norman M. Hall	Winnipeg	May 7, 1945

MASONIC REVIEWS
1948-1949

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

The Following Reviews Cover
All Grand Lodge Proceedings
Received To June 1st, 1949

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.), "In the year of Light," and add 4,000 to the common time, thus: 1948 plus 4,000 equals A.L. 5948. Lodges F. & A.M. hold Communications.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.I.), "In the year of Discovery," and add 530 to the common time, thus: 1948 plus 530 equals A.I. 2478. Royal Arch Chapters hold Convocations.

The Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, King of Salem, Anno Benedictionis, (A.Beo.), "In the year of the Blessing," and adds 1913 to the common time, thus: 1948 plus 1913 equals A.Beo. 3861. Councils of Anointed High Priests hold Conventions.

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed Anno Depositionis (A.Dep.), "In the year of the Deposit," and adds 1,000 to the common time, thus: 1948 plus 1,000 equals A.Dep. 2948. Councils of R. & S.M. hold Assemblies.

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their Order Anno Ordinis (A.O.), "In the year of the Order," and deduct 1,118 from the common time, thus: 1948 less 1,118 equals A.O. 830. Commanderies hold Conclaves.

Scottish Rite date same as Ancient Craft, except the use of the Jewish chronology Anno Mundi (A.M.), "In the year of the World," and add 3,760 to the common time, thus: 1948 plus 3,760 equals A.M. 5708. After each September add another year. Consistories A. & A.S.R. hold Rendezvous or Reunions.

Temples of A.A.O.N.M.S. hold Sessions and mark time by cycles. Each thirty years from the Hegira or July 15, A.D. 622, constitutes a cycle, in which nineteen of the years contain each 365 days and eleven years contain 356 days.

GENERAL

ALBERTA. Grand Master. 1948

Reviewing the past year one is forcibly struck with the spirit of unrest and turmoil which prevails over portions of the world's surface. Nations lately stricken by war are struggling to rehabilitate themselves, with indifferent success in many countries, lack of co-operation both within and without these states, makes the job of government an ever increasingly difficult one. Over all hangs the black shadow of Communism which slowly but surely has engulfed a large portion of the Globe.

Masons should be ever on guard to protect their portals from the infiltration of those who are not wholeheartedly loyal to our country. Freemasonry ever seeks to inculcate the doctrine of Universal Brotherhood and it is only by the Universal acceptance of this principle that peace will once again be restored to a very troubled world.

Masons were first builders of great Cathedrals but have gradually changed to builders of Living Temples, man being the most noble work of God we must build in him character upon which rests the life of the Nation. Living in a rapidly changing world we must adjust ourselves to cope with different conditions and build into the lives of the rulers of tomorrow the realization of their future responsibility.

Canada (in Ontario). Grand Master. 1948

Again we meet in times of unrest with dark clouds on the horizon. The international scene is anything but encouraging. mistrust and suspicion still exist among those nations which in recent years were united as allies; the economic situation continues to give us grave concern; the social and political problems seem to increase and to become more complex, absorbing the thought and study of the best and brightest minds of our day.

The feeling must come to us that Freemasonry can be of help in solving these problems. Our own Grand Lodge, with its membership of over 109,000 men from all walks of life, together with the thousands of other members of the Craft in Canada and elsewhere, surely can exert a tremendous influence for good in this troubled world. We have no thought of political domination, nor do we interest ourselves in obtaining religious supremacy. But we do seek to awaken and and direct the conscience and develop the character of those having membership in the Craft. If we can accomplish this and transmit that influence and spirit to those with whom we have daily contact then truth, honor and justice are bound to become the dominating influences throughout the world.

Humanity must be viewed as a great family in the making. The desire of that great family is to have peace, but if world peace is to be realized it must be based on the will of God, which is the central idea of the Fatherhood of God. This is a simple idea and it is the most suggestive politically and socially. It is the commonwealth idea in which all men have the opportunity to develop their gifts and graces for the common good.

Having experienced two world wars and a devastating depression during the past thirty years, it must be conceded that to many people the lights of reason and love have failed. They feel that the only way out of our present day madness is to let instinct have its way until a better day dawns. If we all followed that idea confusion would become more confounded and the last state would be worse than the first. Such pessimism is the product of disillusioned selfishness and social despair.

As Freemasons we know that light is not self-generated but is transmitted by us from a source within, and yet beyond us. God is the Fountain Light. In His light we see light and transmit it to others by a reverent trust. That trust is called forth from the life of every candidate for Masonry at his initiation. As we proceed in Masonry we are taught the value and meaning of the three emblematical lights of Masonry. A study of the liberal arts and sciences gives us insight into the marvels of nature and the operations of the mind of man. This is Freemasonry's effort to see life as a rounded whole as well as to study it in sections. Members of the Craft, with such an insight and training, can certainly be of great assistance with respect to the problems of the day.

DELAWARE. Grand Master. 1947

PERSONALIZING MASONRY

This is one phase of our program that your Grand Master felt could not be emphasized too strongly. All of the beauty of Masonic philosophy is as a light under a bushel, until it is put to work in everyday life and practice. It is my sincerest conviction that the greatest single attraction in Masonry is the fellowship between its members, and that no real brotherhood can exist founded upon abstract philosophy. Real Masonic brotherhood is knowing your Brother; his name; where he works; how many children he has, and their names; his likes and dislikes; being in a position to congratulate him on important happenings in his life at home and in the community. Masonic brotherhood must not be confined to the Lodge room, but must be permitted to extend into the community in its everyday life, and this philosophy of brotherhood when applied in everyday life can be, nay it must be, the solution of universal peace and happiness, and I feel that it is not too fanciful to say that if civilization is to continue then all men, regardless of race, color or creed, shall become in fact their brother's keeper.

DELAWARE. Grand Instructor. 1947

Recommendation of the Grand Instructor:

That the Junior Warden-elect be required to exemplify and pass examination in the conferring of the first degree; the Senior Warden-elect, the second degree; and the Master-elect the third degree. Passed.

FLORIDA. Grand Master. 1948

AUGUST 29, 1947

To all Lodges and Singular in the Jurisdiction of Florida:

It has been brought to my attention that some of our Lodges are permitting the practice of rough and unseemly work in the Second Section of the Master's degree. In some instances it has been observed that the shirt has been torn off the candidate, and loud and harsh language has been employed. This portion of our ritual was never intended to be used as a means of creating mirth or levity. It is without question the most solemn and serious part of our entire degree work.

I know that it is not the desire or intention of the Lodge, or of any Brother acting in any capacity in the conferring of the Second Section of the Third degree, to handle the candidate in a rough and unseemly manner, but rather this practice is the result of overzealousness and unthoughtedness on the part of the worker.

The scene at the East Gate of the Temple represents tragedy and death, and upon no occasion does death leave us in a spirit of levity. Death is the most solemn moment in the life of any individual.

Please cooperate with me in seeing that no further rough work is permitted in the conferring of the Second Section of the Master's degree, and I know that this request will receive 100 per cent approval by the membership.

It has also been called to my attention that some of the Secretaries are permitting the Investigating Committees to remove petitions from the Lodge room. It is entirely proper and in order for the Chairman of the Committee on Investigation, or any member thereof, to secure any pertinent information from a petition, but the petition must never under any circumstances be taken out of the possession of the Secretary. When a petition is received it becomes the property of the Lodge, and must at all times remain in the custody of the Secretary. Please observe the above request in the future.

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes. 1948

To the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England.

INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE

The Board desires to place on record that it has received many reports indicating that pride in Freemasonry has been stimulated by the Especial Grand Lodge, held at the Royal Albert Hall, on Tuesday, March 23rd, for the purpose of the Installation of M.W. Bro. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., as Grand Master.

Although eight thousand tickets of admission were issued, many Brethren were excluded by the lack of accommodation. The Ceremony was attended by many of our Provincial and District Grand Masters, and distinguished guests from Ireland, Scotland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Maryland, Virginia, The Netherlands, Sweden and France (Grande Loge Nationale).

The dignity of the occasion was greatly enhanced by the presence of M.W. Bro. His Majesty The King, Past Grand Master, who was graciously pleased to perform the Ceremony of Installation.

There is no function in Freemasonry that calls for so much preparation as a meeting of this description, and the Board realises that great responsibility for the success of this function is dependent upon the patient labour and efficiency of the Grand Secretary, and the special aptitude of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, for conducting a Ceremonial on so large a scale.

NON-MASONS AT AFTER-PROCEEDINGS

The Board has received several requests for a ruling on the propriety of non-Masonic guests at Masonic after-proceedings of Lodges. It appears that there are Lodges which invite men who are not Masons, and sometimes reserve a table for ladies, mainly wives of Members of the Lodge who have been good enough to provide the food and make the other arrangements for such after-proceedings. The Board has no hesitation in giving the ruling that there should be no non-Masonic guests at refreshments immediately preceding or following the Lodge meeting, if Masonic toasts are to be given or Masonic speeches made, and that care should be taken to exclude all non-Masonic waiters before such a Toast List is commenced.

BRETHREN LEAVING FOR OVERSEAS

The Board has had requests from some of the Grand Lodges of our Dominions that they should be informed of any Masons emigrating from this country to the Dominions in order that these Dominion Grand Lodges may extend a suitable Masonic welcome and assist in making these Masons feel at home in their new surroundings. It would be well that our Lodges in the Homeland should know of this ambition of overseas Jurisdictions, and of the desire that the appropriate Grand Lodges should be informed by Lodge Secretaries of any emigration of Lodge members. Such intimation should be forwarded through the Grand Secretary, Freemason's Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2, and should contain information in regard to Masonic rank and, if possible, an address in the Dominion where the Brother in question can be reached.

SILVER WEDDING PRESENT TO THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN

The Board is happy to announce that Their Majesties The King and Queen have graciously accepted the Present voted by Grand Lodge on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of their wedding and have expressed their pleasure at the loyal congratulations of the Craft.

The form of the gift is:—

(1) A French Clock of late 18th Century date, of marble and ormolu, in Chinoiserie taste.

(2) A set of eight antique silver-gilt dishes, London 1819.

GIFT PARCELS FROM OVERSEAS

The Board once again wishes to express, so far as it can in words, its thanks to those Grand Lodges, Lodges and Brethren overseas who have continued to send food parcels to Freemasons, their families and dependents. There can be little doubt that these gifts are arriving in even greater numbers than previously, and the letters of thanks that are received by the Grand Secretary are evidence not only of the gratitude that is felt by the many thousands of recipients in this country but also of the very widespread generosity of the Brethren overseas, which will furnish an abiding memory of fraternal good will.

FLORIDA. Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. 1948

EXTRANEOUS MATTERS

Under this heading there has been referred to this committee the correspondence with the Order of Amaranth, Inc.. requesting recognition by this Grand Lodge. While this is a worthy order and is guided by most excellent principles, we find no connection between this order and that of the Grand Lodge of Florida except that its membership is limited to Master Masons, their wives, widows, mothers, daughters, and granddaughters. In line with the action previously taken by the Grand Lodge, we recommend that no Masonic recognition be extended this order, and that the incoming Grand Master issue forthwith an edict requiring all Master Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction who hold membership in this order to sever such connection within sixty days.

Likewise, the Grand Master has received a request from National Sojourners, Inc., for recognition by this Grand Lodge. This is an organization whose membership is limited to commissioned officers of the armed forces who are Masons, and has no other connection with Masonry. We find no reason for recognizing more orders who desire to attach themselves to the Masonic Order, nor for providing additional opportunities that will divert the interest of the members of this order to other activities. Nor are we of the opinion that this Grand Jurisdiction should recognize any order or association which is not open to the members of this order indiscriminately. We recommend, therefore, that the request be denied.

GEORGIA. Grand Master. 1947

When we were privileged to meet here two years ago after gun-fire and battle had ceased in the bloodiest war in history, we were all hopeful and expectant that a peace would be quickly negotiated, broad enough in its terms and provisions that it would result in the outlawing of any such future conflict and probably all wars. When we assembled here a year ago, we were again hopeful of this peace.

As we meet again today, while we are still hopeful, we are still without any signed peace, and it is clearly evident that we are perhaps no nearer, even if as near as when negotiations were started.

We have become acquainted with the causes prompting the delay of this so greatly desired peace, and the evident realization that this great country of ours is again confronted with a most serious situation, similar in many respects to that which existed immediately preceding World War II. Let us still be hopeful, that an early peace can be attained, and all apparent serious consequences averted.

ILLINOIS. Grand Master. 1948

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

It has been said "as the twig is bent so the tree groweth." This simple statement is a recognized truth, applying not only in the vegetable and animal kingdoms, but also including Man, God's greatest creation.

Some philosopher has well said, "Give me the first few years of a boy's life, and you may have him after that." Should not that thought stir the very soul of every parent to its greatest depth? The realization of this greatest responsibility, the training of the child, the bending of the twig in order that it may grow into a sturdy, strong and straight tree, in order that the child may become a sturdy, strong, honorable Christian citizen, the type so badly needed in the world, is certainly the greatest of all responsibilities we as parents and as Masons face today.

In my youth I was fortunate in that I lived on a farm, one of a large family blessed with parents whose Christianity was an every day reality. No child can be more favored or more fortunate than to grow up under such surroundings and influences. The gods of good fortune smile, indeed, upon those who spend their early years in the midst of the woods and fields of God's great outdoors, living in the midst of nature, close to God.

Such an experience exerts an influence over one's life that is never lost regardless of the heights of success that may in later years be attained. Our only living ex-President of these United States, just a few weeks ago returned to the scenes of his boyhood to observe the anniversary of his birth, and to reminisce with old friends the memories of those bygone years.

In the community where I lived there was much timber land, and one of the many things we boys did was to go into the woods, select a nice smooth hickory sprout, bend it over so that near the ground it made a smooth crook, fasten it down in that position, let it grow for perhaps a year, after which we would return, cut it off at the ground, cut the top off, and we had a real hickory cane with a perfect crook for the handle.

So, my brethren, may we bend the lives of our boys and girls if we only make the effort; the life of any normal child can be shaped as easily and as completely as we boys shaped the hickory sprout into a cane.

There are many youth organizations that are serving in this field of character building with marvelous results; they exist in some form in every section of the State, but most of them are laboring under the handicap of a lack of adult leadership, a leadership that is willing to give time and effort in the youth field where the ground is so fertile and the possibilities of a bountiful harvest are so great.

There can be no greater insurance for the continuation of our system of government, for the perpetuity of the freedoms afforded by the Greatest Democracy the world has ever known, than through the proper training of the youth of the land.

We didn't like Hitler, yet we know he was successful in spreading his Naziism by taking the youth of Germany into his control; we didn't like Mussolini, yet we know how successful he was in spreading his Fascism by taking the youth of Italy into his control.

You and I can just as successfully instill into the very lives of our youth the principles of Freemasonry, the principles of Democracy, the principles of Christianity, if we will only apply ourselves with a determination to succeed.

We have organizations, active ones, in a manner associated with our Freemasonry, that are excellent and are doing much good—De Molay, The Builders, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and many others I need not mention. They are all important and should have assistance and sponsorship from every Mason in our Grand Jurisdiction.

I commend to you, my brethren, the bending of the twig in the field of Youth as an activity that will return a Golden Harvest on the morrow.

And now my Brethren, the year is past; I have given you the accounting; what is done cannot be recalled; tomorrow will bring the harvest, good or bad.

I am very humble as I present this report; humble in spirit because you have thought me worthy of your confidence, because you were willing to entrust the command of this great ship of Freemasonry into my hands; humble in my thoughts because man is so small, so limited in strength and knowledge, in wisdom and understanding; and yet so great responsibility is placed upon him; the responsibility of leadership of his fellows; the responsibility of keeping his own soul.

Quoting from the writer of old, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him—Thou hast made him a little lower than the Angels;" surely we cannot forget that we are His creatures and that He has promised us strength for every need if we only trust Him.

If we follow His leadership, we shall have peace and contentment, the desire of the world today.

The great truth is that God IS, that He lives, that the destiny of the world is in His hands and our hands; that all mankind are His children and are blessed with His love.

With this universal Fatherhood we as Masons can do no less than observe the injunction: Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you. Only by accepting this philosophy may we measure up to the standard He has set for each of us and fully meet the responsibility of a Man and a Mason.

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1948

MASONRY AND COMMUNISM

During the year your Grand Master on numerous occasions endeavored to point out to our Brethren the menace of Communism and like ideologies toward our American way of life in general and Masonry in particular.

It seems hardly necessary in this report to attempt to build up a case or to give the entire background of our thinking with reference to our attitude as Americans and as Masons towards Communism which is attempting to gain a foothold in every section of the world today.

It is high time that Masonry comes from behind the veil of secrecy, take a firm stand and assist in combating the insidious propaganda that is emanating from behind the iron curtain in Europe. We need to stop worrying about hurting the feelings of the fourteen men in the Kremlin. We must start worrying about the attitude of our own people and their tendency to adopt the ideology of Communism.

We must recognize that despotism on one side, and our idea of freedom on the other are face to face. The Communists say it is better to be "a slave and have security," while we should go along with Patrick Henry who said, "Give me liberty or give me death."

At the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington in February, a paper was presented on the subject, "Masonry and Communism." At the conclusion of that paper a resolution was unanimously adopted by the Grand Masters in attendance setting forth a very clear attitude of Masonry towards Communism.

In the opinion of your Grand Master it is fitting and proper that we, the members of the Masonic Fraternity in the State of Indiana, should declare to the world our attitude towards Communism and all like "isms" that are diametrically opposed to our way of thinking.

Your Grand Master therefore recommends that we adopt at this Grand Lodge meeting the following resolution:

> Masonry abhors Communism as being repugnant to its conception of the dignity of the individual personality, destructive of the basic human rights which are the Divine heritage of all men, and inimical to the fundamental Masonic tenet of faith in God.

INDIANA. Jurisprudence Committee. 1948

TOBACCO SMOKING IN LODGE ROOM

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

The Committe on Jurisprudence has considered the Resolution providing that "tobacco smoking is prohibited in the Lodge Room while the Lodge is in session."

The Committee approves the proposed Resolution and recommends that it be adopted. Adopted.

IOWA. Grand Master. 1948

We meet today with peace and harmony in our hearts but overshadowed by a world in the international scene which must create in our minds fear and doubt as to how long we may enjoy our peace and happiness.

When we survey the economic, social, and political situation of the world as a whole, especially the European Continent, we see clouds of greed, despair, mistrust, class and religious hatred, which do not forbode good for mankind. We must realize that our great organization is challenged with the greatest task in the span of years of its existence, and that our brethren in countries now being overridden by terrorism and domination are faced with a great struggle for their existence.

We, as Masons, have a great moral duty to perform. It cannot be put in print nor shouted from the mountain tops in order that it may leave its influence on the coming generation:

> "Think not because no man sees, that such things remain unseen, for the Gods see everywhere."

USE OF BLACK BALL

I have had several complaints from certain lodges that there has been a persistent use of the black ball and many of the finest and best of young men in the neighborhood have been rejected according to my information, and the persistent use of the black ball has caused great dissatisfaction among the members of the lodges.

I fully appreciate the fact that every brother has an absolute unconditional right to vote according to the dictates of his own conscience on every Petition for Degrees or Affiliation, and such right cannot be questioned nor can the fact as to how a brother voted be inquired into, but it is not intended that this Masonic privilege should be used as a weapon by narrow-minded or evil-disposed brethren to vindicate their dislikes towards the sponsor of the petitioner nor to satisfy a grudge against other members of the lodge, for such action only tends to retard the progress and destroy the harmony in the lodge. The black ball is intended as a weapon of defense and not of offense.

A CHALLENGE

From across the seas have come to our ears wailing cries of distress from the starving, overburdened, enslaved people of many nations suffering from terrorism more deadly and destructive that the worst of pestilence.

Owing to the present condition and chaos of world affairs, politically and economically, the influence of the profane and ungodly to ravish and destroy the very foundations of a civilized Christian world, the attempt to infiltrate their ideas and doctrines into all organizations, governments and governmental agencies and homes, for the purpose of spreading their propaganda and cause unrest and dissatisfaction among those who have for centuries believed in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, there are individuals and agencies who would strangle and disrupt things that are good for mankind.

In this age of totalitarianism, anarchy, darkness, and despair, it is difficult to appreciate the influence of Masonry in cultivating and refining the social element in men, and in exciting a taste and affording opportunity for the enjoyment of intellectual pursuits. We are, therefore, faced with the greatest challenge in the history of Masonry; so let us so work and act that Masonry may be a guiding star to all mankind.

IRELAND. Grand Master. 1948

AMENDMENT TO GRAND LODGE LAW

The following amendment was made to Grand Lodge Law No. 82, so as to read:—"Each Lodge in the Metropolitan District shall pay a subscription of Eight Pounds per annum to defray expenses of the Master or his proxy at the Committee Dinners."

The following Ruling on Page 113 of the Laws and Constitutions as to "Affiliation of Entered Apprentices" was eliminated:—"An E.A. or F.C. of another Constitution may join an Irish Lodge, on the production of a Certificate of standing from the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he obtained his Degree or Degrees, and may complete his Degrees therein and obtain his Certificates as a Master Mason under the Irish Constitution."

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1947

During my tenure of office I have stressed, on many occasions, the necessity of educating our newly obligated Master Masons, Masonically. Having appealed to the older and wiser minds in which a rich and abundant supply of knowledge is stored and from which such education could be obtained upon request of the younger Craftsmen.

"We can be great by helping one another;
We can be loved for very simple deeds:
Who has the grateful mention of a brother,
Has really all the honor that he needs."

In the interest of the youth of our great nation, I have appealed to our Grand Craft for moral, spiritual, and physical aid to all the recognized youth movements and organizations of our Commonwealth, which are calculated for the good of clean moral character in the individual and the preservation of good citizenship, which will assure the safety of future civilization; in an effort toward curbing juvenile delinquency and crime which has risen to an alarming height.

"No one is beat till he quits,
No one is through till he stops,
No matter how hard failure hits,
No matter how often he drops,
A fellow's not down till he lies,
In the dust and refuses to rise."

I have, at every opportunity, condemned, exposed, and confounded every subversive activity to those whose philosophies of government are calculated to disrupt our American way of life, and launch us into a state of totalitarianism, such as Communism with its low and degrading paganistic philosophies. In every way, I have endeavored at all times to be the Grand Master you would want me to be.

And now like the stern lights of a ship at sea, illuminating only the path which has been passed over, shall those whom you have cloaked in authority, enlighten you by giving account of the past year's work; and the committeemen, who assumed responsibility, shall make reports revealing their activities as clearly as if they were bees working in a glass hive.

MASSACHUSETTS. Grand Master. 1947

ATTENDANCE

What can we do to interest more of our members to attend Lodge meetings? We know that many of them never think of attending Lodge meetings, yet they do get out for the Scottish Rite, York Rite or Shrine activities.

The average man wants a chance to go to his Lodge and meet his Brothers and get home at a seasonable hour. At the present time our Lodges are confronted with the problem of conferring degrees, almost to the extent of becoming degree mills, working many times a month trying to make Masons out of the many who seek membership. The officers are doing a grand job for the new Masons, but older members perhaps tire of the constant repetition of the degree work and fail to get that friendliness that they are looking for when they attend their Lodge meetings.

Even if we have to take a little longer in making a man a Mason, wouldn't he appreciate it all the more for having waited upon the pleasure of the Lodge? Could we not have a members night occasionally, when the Lodge officers make a sincere effort to have those who never or rarely go to Lodge attend that particular meeting—even to the extent of going after them if that is necessary. And when you have them at the Lodge, give them a special program rather than the working of some degree.

The Lodge dinner is an important part of any Masonic evening, but I feel that if the dinner is held before the meeting that the entertainment should be held after the meeting and that the Lodge should be opened on time. If the hour of opening the Lodge is late, or there is tardiness in returning to the Lodge room from dinner, many members will leave in order that they may get home at a reasonable hour.

My wish is that we get the Mason who does not now attend meetings to go to his Lodge, and we, the active members, must do something to regain their interest, which I am afraid will not be done by the mere working of degrees.

MONTANA. Grand Master. 1948

SO-CALLED HIGHER DEGREES

Today there appears to be a prevailing idea in the minds of some Masons, especially of younger Masons, that they must hurry through the three degrees of the Blue Lodge in order that they may take the so-called higher degrees of Masonry. I have in mind especially a bright young man who was very much concerned in passing the proficiency examination on the Master Mason's degree, because, as he told me, on the following day he was to join a class to pursue labor in the higher realms of Masonry.

My brethren, there are no higher degrees of Masonry. The philosophy of Freemasonry is contained in the Blue or Symbolic Lodge. Hundreds of Masons have known nothing more sublime than the Masonry of the Symbolic Lodge; but the philosophy of the institution has permeated their being and they have practiced the great principles of the institution. Let me cite a case: a brother of one of our small lodges had the misfortune to have his home burn. Next night was lodge,—he felt there was no inducement to attend. But he did attend, and on the altar was laid the sum of $300 to assist this brother in distress.

Don't misunderstand me, brethren. I love the so-called higher degrees of Masonry, but they are higher only in the sense that they elaborate upon the undying truths and principles of Blue Lodge Masonry. They are the branches. Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry is the trunk.

It is unfortunate that candidates for Masonic truths are not content to pursue the truths contained in the Blue Lodge before they go pell mell into the so-called higher and spectacular degrees.

NEW BRUNSWICK. Grand Master. 1948

All present are conversant with history now in the making—and probably realize how close disaster may be upon our civilization.

One can perhaps understand the thoughts, or rather the ignorance of certain peoples towards our standard of liberty, but to me it is incomprehensible how persons living in our free countries—enjoying all the blessings of freedom—can even think of, let alone work for the destruction of our way of living and would wish to plunge us into chaos, such as appears to be enjoyed, or rather endured in the before-mentioned countries.

It is the personal duty of every Mason to ferret out and expose all such people in our country, so that our land may be cleansed of such pestilential beings. "Fifth Columns" they have recently been known as—Traitors, their proper name.

Masonry is founded upon peace and goodwill towards man. All the great teachings of the Fraternity come from the Great Light. All are Truth—Truth is mighty and must prevail.

Our lessons are based on God's Fatherhood, and man's brotherhood.

What better subjects for teaching, than the several picked from our Ritual and Lectures?

Invocation to Deity before entering upon any great and important undertaking—yes—we could well say, on any undertaking, great or small. Too often our Invocations are for something desired, and not enough of thanksgiving for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice.

Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

Faith, Hope, Charity.

Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth.

Silence and Circumspection.

These and many more afford subjects for solemn and serious reflection.

Our Order can only flourish in a peaceful atmosphere—although it has withstood the ravages of time and warfare. Let us seek Peace, but not at the loss of Honour.

It is my personal belief that until such time as the Grace of God shall have entered into, and dwelt in, the heart of every man—then and then only shall we have real peace—a peace that shall pass all understanding.

"Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for every fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait."

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND, of the United Grand Lodge of England, District Grand Master. 1948

Accompanied by a large delegation visited Masonic Brethren at Argentia Naval Base of the U. S. Navy. We were most courteously received and entertained to lunch and at a banquet in the evening. Held a conference with these brethren in the Masonic Club at the Post Exchange. Forty-one present including Commodore L. W. Perkins, Commanding U. S. Coast Guard. Brethren there would like to organize a Lodge but owing to various units of their forces residing only temporarily, they felt the Lodge's position would not be stable in consequence.

Held a conference with P.M.s of Avalon Lodge regarding the large number of degrees to be conferred. Arranged to have the Lodge to refuse to accept new candidates for a year, in order to carry out the views of the United Grand Lodge regarding restrictions on emergency meetings.

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master. 1947 and 1948

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The Grand Master is sincerely thankful for the co-operation his District Deputies gave him over the year. They have rendered invaluable service in assisting him in implementing his program. These fine Craftsmen serve in a dual capacity: they are the personal representatives of the Grand Master in the several Masonic Districts; of necessity, they are also the natural channels of information on the Craft for the Grand Master. Now, four years in the elective line naturally tended to separate the Grand Master from the ordinary contacts with, and activities of, our lodges. Accordingly, he sought to inform himself on the needs of the Craft by frequent conferences with the District Deputies. From these conferences and the reports on the conditions of the Craft in their various Districts he was greatly aided in discovering and measuring the needs of the Craft.

The Grand Master was impressed with the many calls for information on the working of Grand Lodge between Annual Communications, on visitations of the Grand Master, on the progress of the projects undertaken and the doings of Masonry in general in this and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

In view of these requests, it is recommended that Grand Lodge prepare and distribute quarterly to the lodges information on matters of specific and general interest to the Craft.

OUR RITUAL

The Committee on Ritual, under the capable leadership of M.W. Richard C. Woodward, Grand Instructor, continued to impart our ritual to the District Deputies and through them to the lodge officers, in a most efficient manner. We, therefore, find a high level of excellence generally prevailing in ritualistic work.

The Grand Master has been anxious to safeguard the rights and prerogatives of our Masters. In this connection, he found in some parts a growing tendency; in others, a long standing custom that permitted the Master of the lodge, for various reasons, to do little or no conferring of degrees. While the Master may permit any competent brother to confer a degree, surely no one should wish to deprive him of conferring it himself. He owes it to the lodge to demonstrate his ability to exemplify the work and prove that the confidence reposed in him is well merited. The Grand Master also requested that at the District Grand Lodges of Instruction the regular officers exemplify the work in their several stations and places. And he is pleased to report cordial co-operation on the part of the brethren both as to the lodge work and the exemplification of the ritual by the regular officers at the District Grand Lodges of Instruction.

PHYSICAL DEFECTS

The perennial problem that confronts a Grand Master is physical defects. Your Grand Master is of the opinion that it is not his prerogative to alter or disregard the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge. It is rather his duty to administer the laws and regulations and, in case of doubt, to interpret them. Now, our Constitution and Code of Laws is clear in its statement regarding physical defects in candidates, requiring that they "literally conform to all the requirements of Ancient Craft Masonry."

In the light of these requirements, the Grand Master granted very few requests for waivers of physical defects, although in practically every case the usual report was strong in praise of the candidate's other qualifications.

Time was when Masonry was operative. It has now evolved into Speculative Masonry and we declare "it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man which recommend him to be made a Mason."

Therefore, to enable Grand Lodge either to reaffirm the regulation or to change it to more nearly meet the requirements of Speculative Masonry, it is recommended that Section 9, page 82, Constitution and Code of Laws, 1942, be changed to read as follows:

> "The Master, or in his absence the acting Master, is prohibited from proceeding with initiation unless he has positive knowledge of the physical competency of the candidate to conform to the requirements of Speculative Masonry."

LISTING NAMES OF PETITIONERS

Every petitioner admitted to the privileges of our Fraternity is morally obliged to safeguard those privileges to worthy men and worthy men only. Therefore, it behooves our Grand Lodge to aid its members in fulfilling this very important obligation by giving them every opportunity to honor it.

Present regulations permit sending out notices in unsealed envelopes to members, if the names of the petitioners do not appear therein. If the names of candidates are included in such printed notices, then the same must be sent in sealed envelopes.

Some of our lodges send out their notices in unsealed envelopes. But, since men are not so strongly tied to their places of residence as years ago, it cannot be expected that each and every member will attend each and every stated communication of his lodge. Accordingly, a petitioner may be elected, entered, passed, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason before a brother can convey information of vital interest to the Worshipful Master or to the investigating committee in protecting the reputation of the Craft. The resultant costs of a trial far exceed any moneys that may be saved by using unsealed envelopes in sending out notices. At the same time some members are deprived of exercising their duties as Masons by not knowing who knocks at our inner door.

Therefore, in the best interest of our constituent lodges, the preservation of the rights and privileges of the brethren and the maintenance of the good name of the Fraternity, it is recommended that Section 5, page 115, Constitution and Code of Laws, 1942, be changed to read as follows:

> "The Secretary shall issue printed notices to members, to be sent in sealed envelopes, containing names of candidates proposed for membership. In every such notice there should be incorporated a warning to the effect that all information therein contained is confidential and intended only for the members of the lodge by which it is issued."

NEW ZEALAND. Grand Master. 1947

The formation of new lodges suggests that there has been a considerable increase in the number of initiates during the past few years. This is borne out by the reports of the Board of General Purposes, and is certainly a very healthy sign. At the same time, the reports show that we are still losing members by resignation. This is to be regretted, as it also suggests that many who join our ranks are unable to appreciate the full meaning and value of Freemasonry and after a few years drop out and become unattached Freemasons. Is it because we have not been careful enough to make sure that all who seek admission are likely to be imbued with the true spirit of Masonry and reflect honour on our choice, or do we fail, beyond the ritual of degree work in the lodge, to impart to them by lectures or addresses, short though they may be, such information as will ensure their making a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and thus keep their interest keen and alive? Personally, I think we have failed both ways, hence the small proportion of members in many lodges who regularly attend their meetings. I do, therefore, enjoin all lodges not only to be careful in the selection of candidates, but also to introduce into the meetings such short talks as will encourage the attendance of members as well as hold their attention. Plenty of suitable articles of a very interesting nature are available in Masonic journals for such occasions, should an address not be forthcoming from a member of the lodge.

As you know, Masonry has been defined as a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, or in other words, a system of the right way to live, as laid down for us in the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Masonry neither advocates nor decrees any form of religion, but its fundamental requirement is a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and the immortality of the soul. Therefore men of every race and clime with diversity of beliefs can meet with common accord in Masonic lodges, each recognizing the right of others to their own convictions.

The Sacred Word, however, is common to us all and is the charter of human rights, and consequently where its principles obtain there follows a freedom of thought and self-reliance which carries a nation that accepts it to heights of character, influence, and success which are not reached by peoples who will not bow to its teachings and authority.

The Bible has lost none of its ancient power, and its message is as searching and penetrating to-day as in the days of our fathers. We should therefore treasure at its true worth what they have handed on to us, never forgetting the tremendous cost paid by them of old in suffering any hardship that this priceless gift may ever remain upon our altars. May we therefore jealously guard these great privileges and so preserve them that they may be handed down to those coming after us, pure and unsullied as we have received them.

No nation ever lasted and thrived that did not preserve truth, dispense justice, and maintain liberty, nor will the nations of to-day which have forgotten God last long.

Our ancient and honourable order has ever stood for human rights and human liberties and the democratic principles of justice, equality, freedom, and tolerance, without which there is little hope for mankind and the world.

Tolerance of opposing views is one of the virtues of a Mason, but it must be reciprocal. The spirit of toleration can only make the world better when it is practiced by all who hold opposing views. It must be mutual. Toleration by one, plus toleration by the other, produces true brotherhood, which is one of the aims and objects of our beloved Craft. No two things are exactly alike, so there are different kinds of Masons; but the true Mason performs his duty honestly and well and has consideration for his fellow men. He learns to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with his God.

No generation in all the history of the world has faced a more serious responsibility than confronts the men and women of to-day, and it demands that we as Masons should re-dedicate ourselves, our lodges, our fraternity to its highest calling. For such is Masonry, ever a challenge, an invitation to a clearer vision, a loftier aim, and a kindlier and more unselfish way of living. That is what we as Masons should stand for if we would prove our worth as men. Thus a Mason should become deeply interested in the building of his own character, that he may spread sunshine around him. Let us therefore walk uprightly before man and God, thereby profiting by the lessons taught us in performing our duty as Freemasons.

Finally, my brethren, may I exhort you to let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Master. 1948

Equity Lodge: On the petition of a number of Masons of Halifax and Dartmouth, and with the unanimous approval of the Advisory Board, I granted dispensation for the instituting of Equity Lodge for the purpose of initiating candidates of the coloured race. This I was pleased to do, I could never reconcile with justice the forfeiting of the warrant of Union Lodge No. 18, because of the indiscretion of some of its members; racial intolerance is an abominable thing; if you are afflicted, an article in June Coronet, p. 112, will have a wholesome effect. The replies of the six candidates indicated they had caught the true meaning of the degree. I prophesy great things for this lodge with the material they are receiving to-day. "Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship etc."

LODGE SECRETARIES

Last year I offered some constructive criticism of Lodges and Lodge Secretaries.

The lodge secretary is the king pin, spark plug, and balance wheel of the lodge. A good secretary will make a good lodge; a poor secretary will make a poor lodge. There is usually continuity in his office, but king pins become worn and slack; spark plugs need adjusting; balance wheels get "out of line". I am pleased to note some improvements in lodge notices, items of interest, past, present and future, Masonic references; a thought for the month;—these will at least delay its journey to the waste basket and perhaps improve lodge attendance. One industrious secretary made a note like this:—Work:—Lobster supper. Someone should show him how.

Another item: We have at last secured a piano. Send in your donations. Don't leave it all to the secretaries; the other officers and members have a part to play.

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master. 1948

We like to look upon Masonry as something alive — a growing, expanding Order which encompasses the full length and breadth of human affairs. Masonry and humanity are so closely entwined that I have constantly urged that the human factors — the broad principles of fellowship and brotherhood — guide us in the path which we seek to follow. That path has been clearly charted in Masonry and nowhere more than in the first degree, which I have sought to emphasize because it is the beginning, the very first step, which of all steps must be taken in the right and proper direction.

Our first degree is ushered in with beautiful and impressive ritual which is most fitting and proper, although this has not always been the case in our long and distinguished history. I refer to our historical background of operative Masonry when our Order was more concerned with the trade, practice, and employment in building, rather than speculative Masonry as we know it to-day, when our objectives are to build a life along moral, intellectual and spiritual lines.

As I have sought to express the meaning and purpose of the first degree it becomes obvious that the only resemblance of the ritual to-day to the old order of operative Masonry is the fact that the Entered Apprentice of to-day who enters in upon the porch is a learner. In the drama of the Beginning, as the First Degree has often been described, the entered Apprentice is an untaught candidate who prepares himself for instruction and is made to recognize his own lack of proper qualification for higher learning in Masonic Ritual.

The Entered Apprentice enters upon Masonry prepared to have his life shaped for him along the ways of moral, intellectual and spiritual development. The shaping of a human life is much like the shaping of the rough Ashlar. The rough Ashlar is not yet prepared, nor is it in its finished form. The Entered Apprentice is like the rough Ashlar, who is being fitted to take a place in Masonic affairs.

An Ashlar is not considered ready for use until it is refined, and made as perfect as possible. So is the Mason more nearly perfect when he is ready and prepared to render service useful to his fellowman. This service can best be rendered through fellowship and brotherhood. I have endeavored in my visits to the various Lodges to stress the importance of fellowship and brotherhood, and point out the connection of these fine qualities with Masonry. The place of fellowship and brotherhood in Masonic teachings has given rise to a definition of Masonry which I have read in other places and which seems to me most appropriate. This definition is as follows: "Masonry is the activity of closely united men who, employing symbolical forms borrowed principally from the mason's trade and from architecture, work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally to ennoble themselves and others, and thereby to bring about a universal league of mankind which they aspire to exhibit even now on a small scale."

This is one of the goals and ambitions of Masonry — a universal league of mankind which we practice on a small scale within the limited boundaries of our own activities. This is why the Entered Apprentice enters into Masonry in a humble position. He must first learn to be humble before he can open his mind to accept the broad principles of fellowship and brotherhood. As he acquires this learning and his life begins to take shape in accordance with Masonic instruction of moral, intellectual and spiritual attainment, he can approach the plane of human association which we represent in Masonry by the Level.

The Level — and now I am referring to the article used by the trades — has an important function in the building of a structure to make sure that gravity pulls on every section in such a manner that there is unity. In a building the higher and lower portions are kept on a level. In the customary division of our society people are so placed in higher or lower classes. Something is needed to provide unity if there is to be democracy. Masonry has discovered this agent.

Masonry was teaching men to meet upon the Level at a time when entire nations of people bowed before the divine right of kings. Thus we can agree with Albert Pike when he said: "Masonry was the first apostle of equality. The chief glory of Masonry is that it brings together upon a plane of common equality men of the most diverse opinions, occupations and interests. Here, upon the Level, the symbol of equality—the rich and poor, the high and low, titled Princes and sturdy yeomen, forget all differences of rank and station and unite their best efforts for the highest good of all."

This is the teaching of Masonry to lead us in ways of fellowship and brotherhood. The Entered Apprentice must become humble so that he will be prepared morally, intellectually and spiritually to meet his fellowmen upon the Level.

Yet, this humbleness is his great contribution to humanity, as those of us who have advanced in Masonic teachings do not look down upon the first and second class workmen. Instead, we are inclined to look up to them and admire, not only because they have the desire to make the start, but also because they accept with willingness the tasks placed upon them. Only the successful completion of such tasks will assure them advancement along the paths of Masonry.

The importance of these first and second class workmen is best revealed to us in the monuments of history created by the toil of thousands of willing hands. Going back to Ancient Egypt we find that great dependence was placed upon the first and second class workmen. A study of Egyptian architecture as it is preserved to-day shows clearly that two ideas stood out in all their efforts. One was the use of the finest materials, and the other was the accuracy of workmanship. Combined, they provided what the Egyptians sought most — permanence. This ambition was best realized in the pyramids. Of all monuments of mankind, the pyramids are the oldest, the most technically perfect, the largest and the most mysterious. They continue to endure throughout the ages, and they stand to-day as a symbol of the contribution of the first and second class workmen.

It is these beginning workers who have the opportunity and possibility of contributing the most in the years to come. It is through them that we reach out to those outside Masonic circles, just as Masonry seeks to reach out to all parts of the world and take a part in advancing the highest ideals known to mankind.

I have sought to stress the fact that Masonry is not something isolated and apart from the rest of the world. Masonry is a definite part of all affairs of mankind and cannot divorce itself from humanity, even if it would. Human relationship is our first and basic purpose. Masonry can exert an influence for good upon the world, and you must agree that an influence for good in this age of despair and disappointment should be promoted and exploited to its fullest extent.

Yet many who have been devoted to our order for so many years may wonder how they can help to influence others through adoption of Masonic principles within their own lives. They may feel that their influence is slight and that their voices seldom reach listeners who may be affected by what they have to say. I have stressed that we should not underestimate our own value and opportunities. Often the things which affect the average person most are the little things which go by unnoticed. A tiny stream on a mountain top is easily directed one way or another by a rock or tree in its path. The rock or tree trunk may be a very little thing, but it determines whether the stream will run down one side of the mountain or the other. It sets the direction and determines whether the water in the stream high in the mountain top will eventually find its way into the warmth and beauty of the southern sea, or whether it will be emptied into the cold and frozen waters of the north. Little things like this cross the path of every one almost daily and such little things determine our direction. Where we arrive eventually depends upon how much we are influenced by the little things.

We need not be ashamed of the contributions of Masonry or seek to apologize for what we feel may be our lack of attainments. Our influence is greater than we ourselves realize, and the whole world is crying for the kind of leadership which Masonic teachings help to provide. In fact, I would even go as far as to say that the entire world must turn to the principles of Masonry if peace, brotherhood and security are to be possible.

We are living in a new and dangerous age. Many things which were in former years considered merely annoyances—like intolerance, national rivalry, jealousies and the like—have been magnified by our fear of war and the consequences of such struggle should it occur.

The atom bomb has exploded many of our customs and habits. Many of the old ways hold great danger for the future. The ideal of Brotherhood which Masonry has long held forward must be accepted by all. The Masonic Ideal of

Brotherhood and fellowship is placed as the highest order of human relationship. Masonry has for generations sought this Ideal. It is not sufficient for us to talk about Brotherhood and the necessity for all human beings to look upon one another as brothers. Each and every one of us must build for himself a temple of the soul with beautiful outward characteristics which will make our fellows look upon us kindly and say they are proud to call us Brother.

If Masons have been negligent in any one particular field of endeavor — and it is possible that we have, since no individual and no organization is completely perfect — I believe such negligence would be found in our lack of interest in our youth. I believe that we have not devoted as much time and effort to youth activities as we could or should have done. It isn't that we are not interested in young people, but the fault lies in the fact that we have not made proper preparation to concern ourselves enough with the young people who are to be the leaders of to-morrow. We have had full confidence in the home — particularly the home where the head of the household is a Mason — in our schools and churches. Our homes, schools and churches have been doing good jobs, but who can say that even our homes, schools and churches have yet satisfied all the needs of our young people, and that there is no further need for interest on our part.

Following such theory would be a mistake, just as I consider it a mistake that Masons generally—or rather established Masonic Lodges—have failed to devote as much time and effort to youth activities as the young people of our country deserve. We should put forth every effort to help correct this condition by taking a more vigorous part in youth activities so that something of the spirit of Masonic Ideals could be transmitted to our posterity. By this I do not mean especially teaching them Masonry, but rather showing them through practical demonstration how Masonry works by means of example. Not only in youth activities but also in everything we do we should be aware of the necessity of living the principles of Masonry. This means a positive action of applying to our daily living the principles we learn in our Lodge. It is not sufficient merely to give lip service to such principles and look upon them merely as so much Lodge Ritual. The real value of Masonry is measured by the way we actually introduce the principles of our Order into our daily lives.

Each and every one of us should look upon Masonry not as an opportunity only to better ourselves and get something out of it. We should not look upon Masonry as a give and take proposition in which we receive in a certain measure and are expected to give in an equal measure in return. Let us look upon Masonry as an opportunity for each of us to help others and make some worth while contribution to add to the lives of our friends and fellowmen.

Let us not be discouraged because there is so much to be done to make the world a better place in which to live. Masonry helps to give us inspiration for the gigantic tasks ahead —tasks which are the responsibility of each and every one of us. The world is watching America closely to-day, and the things we do individually or together will serve to influence the judgment of the world. This crisis in the march of civilization is at once our great disaster and our great opportunity. America can be plunged into despair and tragedy, or it can provide suitable leadership and guidance to show the way out of the tangled international, political and economic affairs. Much will depend upon the individual citizen, and I believe Masonry has done as much if not more than any other organization to prepare its members for a definite worthwhile part to play in the drama of our times. But we should not think our job complete. We should continue our untiring efforts for a brighter future.

My visits with Lodges and my private discussions with individual Masons have convinced me that our people are aware of the dangers, that they are also aware of the opportunities which we now have to apply Masonic teachings to our lives and our conduct with other peoples of the world.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Grand Master. 1948

We are still living in serious and critical times — times which are out of joint, economically and internationally. A cold war has been in operation in large sections of Europe. Civil strife has been raging in China. Russia and the democratic nations have serious disagreements about the treatment of Germany. The Iron Curtain still functions over Russia and Russian occupied countries like North Korea. In Palestine, there has been serious and destructive warfare, and oftentimes men's hearts are filled with misgiving lest a new world conflict be unleashed. The bonds of Empire have been much loosened in India and a new political condition has arisen in that fabulous country, not without disturbance and much loss of life. But perhaps we ought not to be too much surprised at all this. The six years during which the energies, passions and material resources of mankind were employed in the most stupendous and destructive war in human history were bound to bring their aftermath of disturbance and unrest. The transition from a war to a peace economy could not be expected in a few weeks or months or even years. It is to be earnestly hoped that the forces of sanity and goodwill succeed in so organizing the powers of peace and authority of the United Nations, that ostensible causes of conflict be removed, and a reasonable attitude of "live and let live" prevail, both among the democracies and the totaliitarian peoples. For this great aim, we should both work and pray, as members of a great international brotherhood.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1948

In my contacts throughout the Jurisdiction through visitations to the Subordinate Lodges, I have confined my remarks largely to the work of the Grand Lodge — what it is and how it is operated. It was most surprising how poorly informed the Brethren were on matters which should have been known to all. It is therefore a proper conclusion to make, with the evidence at hand, that the Grand Lodge should have a medium of service to the entire membership, and it is the R.W. Grand Master's desire that a Grand Lodge publication be authorized and published under competent authority and distributed to all the members of the Subordinate Lodges.

Former R.W. Grand Masters have stressed the need for more information for the candidate while he is being initiated. R.W. Past Grand Master, Brother Richard A. Kern, suggested to the Worshipful Masters that the recommenders in each case be appointed as a Committee of Instruction and Guidance for each candidate whom they recommended. In futherance of this assistance to candidates, I am recommending the use of informative pamphlets, one for each degree, to be handed to the candidate at the close of each degree conferred upon him. No violation of any of the Landmarks would occur with the proper publishing committee in charge.

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1948

When last I addressed you, a year ago, I made comment on the uncertainty and fear which beclouded the whole world following the termination of the second great war. We had all hoped at that time, that we could see peace on the horizon, but international conditions and relationships have fallen to such a low level that the peoples making up the democracies are living in a suspended atmosphere of hope long deferred. Those men occupying high places in the assembly of nations, which we now know as the United Nations Organization, either have lost the way or have not been able to bring to those nations, which seemed determined to postpone and perhaps wreck, that peace which all the human beings composing this vast world are hoping for. I am sure that you will all agree with me that until an understanding of the Almighty and His great works and the great truths contained in the Volume of the Sacred Law are realized, we as Masons, knowing the fundamental principles upon which our Order is based, brotherly love, relief and truth, realize that until these principles are in some way brought into practical use by the nations now facing each other in fear, perhaps hatred and distrust, we cannot as democratic peoples hope for an early peace. We do hope that the Great Architect with His wisdom and counsel may in some mysterious way bring understanding and a desire by all the nations to work together to bring about a peace which would be fair and equitable for the world at large.

Again, may I draw your attention to that ominous word —Communism—and all it stands for. Day by day more exposures are being brought to light, showing the dangerous underground activities of this group, if I may call it so. This ideology is now apparently finding its way into the schools, colleges, universities and other organizations and I urge you and every one of you to constantly be on guard against any efforts, either openly or subversively to gain even the slightest foothold into our Order. Examine carefully through every channel the character, background and reputation of every applicant. See that he is a good citizen, observing the laws and ordinances of this country, so that he may be acceptable as a Member of our Order and reflect honor on our choice and credit to himself.

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1948

I am glad to note that many of the Lodges are putting on a "Floor Members' Night" and in my opinion this is an excellent practice, which gives the younger members an opportunity of taking part in certain parts of the ritual and so bring out new talent and creates a greater interest in the workings of the Lodges.

QUEBEC. Committee on the State of Masonry. 1948

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This is becoming a real problem in many of the older Lodges, endangering their future. Your Committee feel that the peak has been reached in candidates and now we must consolidate our position. Action rests with each individual Lodge but we would urge that this matter be given serious thought.

LECTURES

Two of the District Deputy Grand Masters stressed the importance of the lectures being given. After all they sum up all that has gone before and are in themselves an important part of the Ritual. While the candidate probably does not absorb all the beauty and teaching incorporated in those lectures, when he first hears them, after hearing them for the second or third time he has a greater knowledge of the underlying principles of Masonry and why the questions he must memorize read as they do.

SASKATCHEWAN. Grand Master. 1948

Masons have an obligation to home life and companionship with the youth of the family. His sons crave for this companionship. The influence that is being wielded by the unconscious tuition radiating from everyone is immeasurable. It is incumbent on every Mason to take stock and make sure that those radiating from himself will be of the highest quality. Actions speak louder than words and the brotherhood of man, like charity, begins at home.

In setting up the example of our life we must recognize our obligation of regular church attendance. We derive our moral existence from God through the agency of the church. If fathers and Masons do not attend church the boys and youth will not do so. If the church is not strong and doing the work we think it should, we as Masons have a responsibility to get into active church work and do our bit. Straighten out the kinks and make it virile, active, and attractive to our youth.

No, Masonry is not a religion but it does teach men to be religious. We want our sons and the youth of communities to obey the moral law. They cannot obey something they know little or nothing about. Our duty is to be an example for them.

We owe an obligation to our Youth to accept responsibility on our school boards, our municipal, state, provincial and national bodies. If we do not become members of any of these bodies we owe it to ourselves and to all in our District. It is a duty to get out to vote. We should strive to see that the members we elect are upright, honourable and the best obtainable and that these bodies do not pinch pennies. On the contrary, see that they make due allowance and ample provision for supervised, recreational facilities and occupational guidance. There is much that can be done but it must be done intelligently.

As Masons, then, we should present our lives and thus our craft — Freemasonry — so that it will reveal its strong moral fibre of stability, its intellectual developments, its sociability and good fellowship.

We have an obligation to our Youth, individually to attend lodge so that we may be impregnated, revived and inspired by the source of true Masonic science. We must keep in tune with the Infinite and with the benefits that can be derived from true Masonic contact and study. Our electric light goes out if the wires are cut, or if anything interferes with or interrupts the flow of power from the source. So it is with our moral life. We have an obligation to keep in tune with the Infinite, the source of our moral and Masonic life.

I repeat, The Hope of To-morrow is the Youth of To-day.

Hitler built his revolutionary armies by organizing the Youth of his country. There are great youth movements being organized in practically every country in the world today. We must recognize the fast that these youth movements must be properly guided or our civilization, and with it our Masonry, will perish.

We individually have an obligation to accept our responsibility in taking our place as leaders, and guides in these movements. We do not have a responsibility to start any new separate organization. There are plenty of them and room in each for every Mason individually to fulfill his obligation.

Saskatchewan Masons have embarked on an extensive "Youth" program. For some years we have been fostering

"Father and Son" nights, and "Youth" nights. This year we have enlarged our committee and have made "Freemasonry and Youth" the main objective or activity for the year.

The committee is a very representative group. It includes two merchants — one of whom is chairman; two high school principals; two lawyers; one Deputy Sheriff; one Corporal of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; one newspaper man who was for many years a Y.M.C.A. Secretary, and last, but certainly not least, our own Grand Secretary. All of these have had wide experience as leaders in sports and other youth activities. They were selected from strategic areas in our Grand Jurisdiction. We have also enlisted the services of our Deputy Grand Master, and our Junior Warden. The latter is also the Chancellor of our University. We extend congratulations to our Grand Junior Warden on his election as Chancellor.

The Committee met and drafted a program with various suggestions for "Youth" nights. These programs were distributed to the D.D.G.M.'s and by them to the various lodges. At the District Meetings we focused attention on "Freemasonry and Youth"—and on "Freemasonry and Citizenship." We instructed the D.D.G.M.'s to make a special effort to interest the individual Lodges to hold "Youth" nights. Where possible the member of the Youth Committee nearest to the D.D.G.M. went with the latter on his official visits to support the "Youth" effort.

The response has been very gratifying. A great number of Lodges have held or are planning to hold "Youth" nights.

The young men — in age from sixteen to twenty-one are selected and sponsored by members of the Craft. The names are handed in to the Lodge committee and invitations are sent to them from the Secretary.

The Lodge is assembled with officers and members in their respective places properly clothed. If the Lodge has been opened for any purpose it is closed after the Master has explained the procedure to be observed. The general atmosphere of a Masonic gathering is maintained throughout.

The Director of Ceremonies or other officer appointed for the purpose leads the Youth into the Lodge room. He introduces them to the Master and through him to the Lodge. The Master welcomes them and then they are seated with their sponsors.

A very special "Re-Dedication Ceremony" which includes the presentation of our flag is then performed by the Master and Wardens. This ceremony concludes with the singing of the National Anthem. The gathering disperses and re-assembles for a banquet and other program. If there are to be addresses a number of topics such as "Freemasonry and Democracy," "Freemasonry and Citizenship," etc., have been suggested.

Our "Freemasonry and Youth" gatherings have been well received wherever held. The young men have spoken in glowing terms of them, and seem to be very favourably impressed.

A follow-up whereby individual members will maintain contact with the young men is essential. It is hoped the "Youth" nights will become annual events and be of real value to the youth, the craft and the community.

In this manner are we, in Saskatchewan, endeavouring to fulfill "The Obligation of Freemasonry to Our Youth."

I believe the idea has taken a firm hold of the spirit and imagination of Freemasons of our Grand Jurisdiction, and I expect great results to develop from judicious fostering and leadership of the program. Incidentally, it may prove such a drain on the time and energy of our Grand Secretary as to require some extra help for him. In fact it may develop to such an extent as to require a full time chairman. That is something that must be considered soon.

There is, here, for us, a great field of opportunity. There is a challenge to all Freemasons, individually as well as collectively. Our Youth are anxious for good leadership. The individual responsibility we cannot avoid. Let each one of us look well to our home and local field of opportunity for service and leadership. More financial assistance will also need to be provided.

Before preparing this address I wrote to each of my District Deputies for a report on what had been done and what plans for Youth Meetings were being made. The reports on the whole were good. In some Districts only a few such gatherings had been held but, in several, many such had taken place and more were being planned. As recently as the eleventh of this month I attended a Youth night and our Grand Secretary has reports of many others that have been held.

I want, here, to pay due tribute to the pioneers in this work. Officers of Grand Lodge, members of previous committees on "Freemasonry and Youth," who laid the foundation of the work. That foundation on which we hope and those who follow us will hope to erect a superstructure perfect, or nearly perfect, in its parts and honourable to the builders.

In concluding my report, I desire, with all my heart, to express to all my officers and committee members, my sincere appreciation for their assistance, my grateful thanks for their unselfish co-operation and my profound gratitude for their untiring efforts to spread this Gospel of the duty of Freemasonry to Youth.

May we all join together to express our gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for favors already received. May He continue to preserve our order by cementing and adorning it with every social and moral virtue.

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings.

"Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong."

SOUTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1948

Throughout our land and on foreign soil it is the desire of Masons to have fine temples. Wherever you may see Masonic temples you will find Christianity in its highest form which means especially Protestant Churches and the Free Public Schools. Our Masonic forefathers — and we to-day are keeping apace with them — wanted better churches, better schools, homes, better law enforcement. Masonry goes hand in hand with these things which tend to create better society and better living. Masonry is an advancement of society.

We have certain secret words, signs, passes and grips; we have our secret ritual but the great principles and purposes of Masonry should never be a secret in any community. Masonry in its true form is a pattern for living. Its influence is not collective but is exemplified through the individual. In our daily life, let us conduct ourselves, as we associate with our fellow men, so that when a man is said to be a Mason, all will know there is a good man.

A man is not a Mason just because he has taken the three degrees. He is not a Mason until he practices in his daily living those lessons taught in the three degrees of Masonry and until he promotes Masonic principles by his activity in his local Lodge. The new member will feel a part of his lodge only through friendliness and enthusiasm of the older members. Friendship is the essence of Masonry — not the friendship that hangs high in the air or clothed in beautiful words for "friendship is an intelligence above language."

I trust that the brethren here at this Grand Lodge will feel a friendliness that actually operates and if you have anything to say on any question that might arise or anything to say for the good of Masonry, don't hesitate to do so, for you will be talking to friends. Friendliness generates brotherhood, brotherhood generates strength, strength generates action and Masonry must be active to maintain its place in world affairs.

In the world about us we are witnessing an attempt to subordinate the individual — to make him subservient to the state. Such a movement is destructive. It strangles individual action and encourages an equality that makes no distinction between the educated and the ignorant, between the efficient and the incompetent, and between the industrious and the indolent. Such a theory finds no encouragement in Freemasonry. Masonry's whole plan is for man to work out his dream for a richer, happier and more useful life. Freemasonry is right as it seeks to saturate our minds and hearts with great truths and inspires us "to brighten the corner where we are" with our light.

A baffled individual once turned to Edward Gibbon, the historian, and asked him to tell in a few words what actually caused the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. He proved equal to the occasion with this reply "The bottom dropped out of it". This can be our fate unless we open our eyes to what is going on around us and sharpen our purpose to change the trend. It is an individual job, and the stage is set for us right in our own communities through our Religious Organizations and our Free Public Schools. Let us see to it that our Religions prosper and that our Public Schools are free of all sectarianism. These two institutions are the greatest pillars of these United States and only through them will we be able to give the best to the world as we are expected to give.

When this Grand Lodge session is ended, I trust we shall earn from Him commendation, not for ourselves, but because we have had a part in trying to better mankind.

SCOTLAND. Grand Committee. 1948

The number of Initiates during 1947 was 875, being a decrease of 142 compared with the preceding year. There were 29 Affiliates as against 45 in the previous year. Six Lodges initiated over 45 candidates each.

TASMANIA. Grand Master. 1948

I have been very interested in some of the Lodge Notices—summoning Brethren to their regular meetings. One item especially I would draw your attention to for a few moments, "The Wor. Master desires Brethren to wear correct Masonic dress."

Evening dress which is the correct Masonic dress is difficult to procure at present, the dinner dress is gradually coming back. It is not our desire that members absent themselves on that account, but we do strongly suggest that, failing either of these, a dark morning dress be worn. Brethren still have a vivid recollection of Masonic gatherings prior to the war. The general opinion is that much has been taken from the impressiveness of our beautiful ritual by the relaxation of the correct dress producing an atmosphere not conducive to our sublime teaching. To the Masters present I make an earnest appeal to rectify this mistake at their earliest opportunity. May I suggest also that the Grand Inspectors when replying to the Toast of G.L., if not unduly upset by the warmth of their reception, make this subject one of their main points.

TEXAS. Grand Master. 1947

We have, my Brethren, for the last several years in this Grand Jurisdiction enjoyed the largest membership on record, and in the year just concluded we have raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas 16,487 good men. We have closed the year with an all-time high membership of 169,469 with 891 active Lodges. While this is a great compliment to Freemasonry in Texas, and one that I am sure all of us older members appreciate, at the same time it places a great responsibility upon each of us, the responsibility of carrying out into the world in our contacts with our fellowman the principles and tenets of this great Institution. The things that are taught in a Masonic Lodge Room are not taught for the purpose of being listened to and discussed within the sacred confines of a tiled Lodge, but they are calculated to and should strengthen the character of every man who is a Master Mason and fill him with a determination, so far as his sphere of influence permits, to carry these same principles and these same tenets out into the outer world.

Turning to the newly made Brethren, if a man "is good enough to be made a Mason," then certainly he should be made a "good Mason". The making of a good Mason does not stop with the conferring of the Master's degree. It is only the beginning of a good Mason, and to these newly made Brethren we owe the responsibility of properly instructing them as to the designs that are and have been drawn on the trestleboard. He should be, and it is our responsibility and duty to see that he is truly and correctly informed as to the proper use of the Square, the Compass, the Level, the Plumb Line, and the Trowel. If we fail in this respect, we not only do an injury to the newly made Brother, but we are injuring ourselves.

We, my Brethren, received and the generations before us received this work from mouth to ear and, it was delivered to us with positive instructions to see that the Ancient Landmarks, usages and customs were not changed or altered and that no innovation would or should be tolerated. In the same way, through the same method and by the use of the same words it should and must continue to be communicated to those who now seek and have sought admission into our midst. If you violate these principles, then you will destroy what you and I believe in, admire and respect. Too much emphasis cannot be given to this, nor can it be too closely guarded and too zealously observed.

***VERMONT**. Grand Master. 1948*

MASONRY AND COMMUNISM

During the past two years I have, on many occasions, had a good deal to say concerning the subject of Communism and its threat to Masonry and to the way of life which we so dearly cherish. I do not think it necessary, nor have I the time, to discuss the subject at length. I believe that we of the Masonic Fraternity are unanimous in our belief that it is high time for us to take a definite and public stand against this threat to our very existence. Masonry and Communism, like Democracy and Communism just will not mix. There can be no common meeting ground. It is either one or the other.

The Grand Masters' Conference unanimously adopted a resolution stating in positive terms the attitude of Masonry toward Communism. It is my belief that we of this jurisdiction, should do likewise and declare to the world our opposition to all isms which are opposed to our way of life.

I, therefore, recommend that Grand Lodge, at this session, adopt the following resolution:

> "Masonry abhors Communism as being repugnant to its conception of the dignity of the individual personality, destructive of the basic human rights which are the Divine heritage of all men, and inimical to the fundamental Masonic tenets of faith in God."

VICTORIA. Grand Master. 1947

Men and communities (and Freemasonry is no exception) keep alive and vigorous on the memory of a great past, and the hope and intention of a great future. The present is merely a bridge between the experience of yesterday, and the faith and intentions of to-morrow.

What then of to-morrow? It is not sufficient that we should boast of our glorious past. We must be worthy of the noble traditions handed down to us, and in our turn, so live and so act, that those who come after us may benefit.

I have mentioned the great growth in membership. This in itself may not spell progress, but if, as I believe is the case, these new members have been attracted to Freemasonry by the lives and actions of our members in the outside world, then, I think, this increase is stimulating and to be commended. For it is an indication that the young men of our nation are turning their thoughts to higher things, and wish to take their places alongside us in our fight for the principles to which we should all adhere — Faith in God, Loyalty to our King and Country, and consideration for others. I believe that never before in our history has there been a greater need for clear thinking, sound judgment and a sense of loyalty. There are in our midst to-day forces which deny the existence of God, scoff at loyalty, and have a total disregard for the decent things of life. There is, I think, in these forces of disruption, a challenge to Freemasonry. Let us accept this challenge It is not sufficient for us to repeat the principles and tenets of Freemasonry in our own Lodges. We must take our principles with us into our daily lives, wherever we may go, and demonstrate by our own lives the wholesomeness of those things to which we subscribe. Inevitably we shall influence others, and bring men's minds to accept those basic principles without which no community can really prosper or be happy.

When we view this great assemblage of Freemasons this evening, let us not forget those who made it possible. Those wonderful Freemasons of the past who built so wisely and so well. Let us also remember those who fought and died that men might be free. And may we never forget the deep debt of gratitude we owe to the Mother Country. Britain stood alone but defiant, the sole active defender of freedom on earth. Without her efforts we must inevitably have failed. But she did not even falter, and her example inspired others, until eventually freedom was won.

And shall we forget her to-day? Impoverished because of her gigantic efforts, hungry because of her high regard for her duties of trusteeship. No, Brethren. We are now in a position to help, and let our thankfulness to her be expressed in a tangible form. Let us send some succour to those who have given and suffered so much.

Finally, Brethren, let this great gathering of Freemasons pledge ourselves to devote our lives to worth-while actions and feelings, to great thoughts, real affections and enduring friendships—

"For life is too short to be little."

COMMUNICATION FROM THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

IRREGULAR BODIES.

I desire to draw the attention of the Brethren to the existence of certain irregular Bodies, copying and adopting, as far as possible, the phraseology used by regularly established and properly constituted Masonic Institutions.

Such irregular Bodies for example, are the Orders known by the name of "The Star of the East," "The Eastern Star," and "Co-Masonry."

The Brethren are distinctly warned against having any connection or association in any way whatever with such irregular organizations, which have been formed without the sanction or approval of this Grand Lodge.

The Brethren should clearly recognize that the visitation to, or the recognition of such irregular Bodies would be an absolute breach of their Masonic Obligations and any Brother acting contrary to this Pronouncement must expect Masonic punishment.

VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1948

LOOKING AHEAD

The world to-day yearns for peace. But peace shall not come to this war-torn world until the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man shall become a reality. Until all men shall sing in their hearts as the angels sang of yore "Peace on earth, good will toward men," peace shall remain an idle dream. In achieving peace, there can be no compromise with the forces of evil that now seek to force mankind to accept a form of government that fetters the freedom and the consciences of men and is destructive of all that we hold most dear. So long as personal and religious freedom is made the price of peace, right thinking men will continue to stand against such forces. Freemasonry possesses in its great truths and philosophy the way to a true and lasting peace, for it teaches love of God and fellowman. We must continue firm in the faith, for it is the way to peace.

"Will men be wise enough when peace shall come
To cherish it beyond all thought of gain;
To hold it as the ultimate, the sum of dearest things,
No matter what the pain?
A world at peace! How infinitely good,
When home and office, shop and farm
Shall fill their unharrassed roles in brotherhood,
And selfless shall bring a better day.
More than a cessation of war is peace:
It is a strong, a flaming holy fire
That seeks with passion a bound world's release,
Ready with sacrifice for its desire.
Not easy this, but glorious the task
To build—all of us—the world we ask."

WASHINGTON. Grand Master. 1948

INVESTIGATIONS

Much of the difficulty that arises in our Lodges as to their membership may be obviated if proper investigations are made of our petitioners. The brother who is appointed on an investigating committee should consider it a high honor and, in his actions, realize the fact that the welfare of the Lodge largely rests upon the report that he makes to the Lodge following his investigation. It is proper, at all times, to inquire into the antecedents of the petitioner and to make every effort to determine that he will be a real addition to the membership of the Lodge, and that he can make a contribution to the service the lodge is presumed to render in the community.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1948

LADIES' NIGHTS

One matter that I want to bring up is that of ladies' nights, about which there appears to be some misunderstanding. In the case of one lodge that made application I advised the Grand Secretary to send the following reply, and that, I think, will meet the case:—

"The M.W. Grand Master, Bro. F. A. McMullen, referred to this matter in Grand Lodge Proceedings (vide Proceedings, 1933-34, page 20) as follows:—

> " 'From information given to the Board of General Purposes, it would appear that there is a growing looseness in the conduct of those Masonic socials known as ladies' nights. While many brethren object on principle to the admission of non-Masons — male or female — into an equipped lodge room, others deem it permissible to show their lady guests the interior of the room, but always with proper safeguards. Any implied countenance given to the latter course has now apparently been construed as a permission to introduce any non-Mason into a lodge room on a ladies' night.
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> " 'Let it be understood that the responsibility for the proper conduct of all events held under the auspices of any lodge lies upon the Master of the lodge, and in his absence upon his wardens; and any breach of fidelity or departure from the Antient Landmarks will render those officers liable to charges.' "

I wish to make it clear (continued the Grand Master) in cases where it is desired to show lady guests the lodge rooms, Wor. Masters are required to see that proper conduct is always observed.

GENERAL

I suppose the matter that is uppermost in the minds of all thinking men to-day is the plight in which the world finds itself as a result of what amounted to practically 30 years war. The conflict was such as the world had never before seen and the result a dislocation in every phase of the operations of the body politic that has seemed almost impossible of redemption.

Last week I consecrated a new lodge to which the name "Loyalty" was given and it struck me that loyalty, in its broadest meanings, was more than ever necessary to bring hope to the heart of an almost despairing world. During the course of the last war, a code of ethics was evolved by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt at an Atlantic

Conference. That code, which we called the Atlantic Charter, was summed up by the expression "The Four Freedoms." These were "Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech and Expression."

It seems to me that Loyalty can also be divided into four distinct phases:—

1. Loyalty to God, or in other words—Faith in an Almighty Father who rules and governs all things. That faith is the basis, under one name or another, to the Deity upon which all moral and ethical values in the world have been built and it is also the base upon which Freemasonry has been constructed.

2. Loyalty to Country. By that I do not mean that blind patriotism which is summed up in the phrase "My country, right or wrong," but rather that principle which strives to guide the country along right lines. It does not receive that attention in the scheme of things to-day that its importance demands. Rather are we inclined towards seeking material advantages at the expense of other countries. Instead of goodwill and the spirit of helpfulness there are rather malice, selfishness, greed and the desire for national aggrandisement.

3. Loyalty to Our Neighbors, the absence of which has brought about all those distressing internal conditions and all those disastrous upheavals that are rife in every civilized country at the present time; and

4. Loyalty to Ourselves, which perhaps embraces all other loyalties as, in the words of Shakespeare:

> "To thine own self be true,
> It then follows as the night the day
> Thou canst not then be false to any man."

These are the loyalties that should be the peculiar work of both the Church and Freemasonry.

We have reached the stage where we must recognize that only a spiritual revival can save the world from complete disaster. But it must be a world-wide revival, otherwise it will be quite ineffective. The problems of how to assert the spiritual and moral aspects of life, as against the material side of it, should be tackled collectively at the higher level by all civilized nations, with a view to finding some basis common to them all. That should be possible because the same threads knit together both Religion and Freemasonry; viz. the rightness of good thoughts and deeds, and the acknowledgment of an Almighty Power. If these, with two more main threads—the spirit of unselfish service and a living sense of the brotherhood of man — could be woven together into a general pattern, we should begin to have something with which we might hope to breast the future of humanity. To reach that common basis might be difficult, but when it has been agreed upon, and there should be sufficient wisdom and spiritual fibre in the civilized world to do it, a moral charter for mankind could be drawn up, which all nations might solemly adopt. We have had an Atlantic Charter, now we want another and even a wider and a better one. If we could attain it, however, there would still be the need for its practical application, both on the part of the Church and on the part of Freemasonry. As Freemasons, we are not allowed to introduce party politics into our discussions and I think that prohibition is both wise and just. But there is no reason why these two great institutions — the Church and Freemasonry — should not discuss all phases of the life of the body politic and seek, even by propaganda. to instil into the lives of men those broad, political and spiritual ideas which are based upon principle and not upon party. As both a Churchman and a Freemason, I have, for a long time, been inclined to think that we are not taking that part in the life of civilized countries which both our position and our principles demand that we should.

Most of us have watched the happenings of the world and have read about all those movements that are now taking place for its so-called regeneration. All of them are national, material and selfish, and unless we can introduce the spiritual element into them much success is not likely to be achieved. That is the CHALLENGE to-day, both to the CHURCH and to FREEMASONRY.

WYOMING. Grand Master. 1948

Masonry is a way of life in every sense of the word. It is a philosophy that gives us a basis for the solution of all our problems, both collective and personal. It is dynamic, not static, and will grow in strength and effectiveness in direct proportion to its use. It is fundamental, in that all its rules are clear. It is simple, in that the basic principles are few in number. It is practical, because faith in God is its corner stone and its principles are God inspired. Masonry is a way of life to practice, not just to preach, because precept without practice is mockery. Masonry is a way of life, to defend, because that which is right, just, and true is ever the subject of attacks of the powers of darkness and evil. The Light of Masonry was brought to us through great trials and tribulations by those who have gone before us. It is our duty and privilege to preserve that Light so that we may pass an ever-brightening torch of Masonic understanding to generations yet to come. Masonry is a way of life to perpetuate; by offering that Light of understanding to others but never attempting to compel the acceptance of it. If we live it and emulate its principles fully in our daily lives, it will become irresistibly desirable to others.

May we all remember that attitudes towards our problems and toward Masonry itself are most important. A proper attitude will resolve any difficulty, but a feeling of incompetence and futility will not even make an impression on a minor task. Since Masons are endowed with the strength and wisdom of ages, they should approach any situation with confidence, serene in their knowledge that they are competent to cope with it. Our trust is in God, and through Him our strength is limitless. Should we become disheartened at times, it is well to remember that adversity is helpful. Misfortunes never leave us where they find us. Each time we overcome an obstacle or stand in triumph over an adverse circumstance we are stronger for having done so. Each task completed leaves us more able to cope with those to come. We grow in spiritual strength in direct proportion to our use of the precepts we have learned in Masonry. Whatever duties are demanded of us should be cheerfully performed as evidence of gratitude for our Masonic heritage. Let us joyfully travel the Masonic pathway that leads us ever onward and upward toward the light of complete understanding, recognizing apparent obstacles only as stepping stones to a glorious destiny. (Applause.)

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY

ALBERTA. Grand Master. 1948

NON-ATTENDANCE

In my various visitations to the Craft Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction the attendance was something that was very disturbing to me. Covering the Grand Jurisdiction the average attendance would not be much more than 30%. In other words, some 3,500 Masons are carrying the load for 14,000. In talking to some of the brethren who do not attend Lodge you will get many and various excuses. Many of them no doubt are real. In a great many cases, however, the brethren in question have not seen the light or do not realize the great privilege it is to belong to Ancient Freemasonry, they not having been properly instructed upon being received into Masonry. However, in some cases I have had the remark made to me "What is the use, I never could get an appointment to a Junior office and unless I have something to do I do not feel like just going to Lodge and seeing some Degrees conferred or hearing minutes read or bills passed," especially does one hear this from the larger Lodges.

I am more than ever convinced, brethren, it would be in the best interest of the Craft, and the Lodges themselves—if some of our larger Lodges would divide and sponsor a daughter Lodge.

ARIZONA. Grand Master. 1948

In traveling across the state to visit the various lodges, I discovered that keen interest is being manifested by the officers. Most of them can confer the degrees and deliver the lectures long before being elected to the Master's chair. It was my purpose to visit as many of the lodges as possible on the date of the regular Communication even though it took much extra traveling. It was a great pleasure to see the interest taken by the new and younger members in learning the ritualistic work and preparing to fill the various offices. Freemasonry is on the march and keeping pace with the developments of this dynamic age.

Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry makes a great improvement in the life of every community. It is very encouraging to see so many of the members are young men who come in and give their full Masonic loyalty to its declaration of principles. May they live to carry on in support of this free Government of the United States which was cradled in the arms of Freemasonry. I bow to those of mature years who have toiled through the heat of the day for Fifty years and more with their constructive influence. It was my happy privilege to present a Fifty Year Button to Brother Paul Michaelson of White Mountain Lodge No. 3. He had constructed the building in which the lodge was meeting, and had never belonged to any other lodge. The presentation was made during my official visit to the lodge.

CANADA (In Ontario). Grand Master. 1948

NON-RESIDENT MASTERS OF LODGES

The Worshipful Master and officers of a Masonic Lodge should, during their term of office, reside within the jurisdiction of their lodge or close to it if the work of the lodge is to be properly carried on. However, there are cases where an officer may be obliged to move from the community during his term of office and through no fault of his. Having served as an officer and being interested in Masonry he naturally does not wish to lose his position in the line of officers. There has been a large number of instances in which the Worshipful Master-elect has not been a resident of his community, in fact in some cases he has resided as much as 75 to 100 miles away. In such cases the permission of the Grand Master is required to enable him to assume office. Where such a situation arises the prosperity of the lodge is of paramount importance and must have first consideration. I have granted such permissions but have insisted upon an undertaking from the Master-elect that he will attend all meetings of his lodge and also that he will resign office at the end of six months if it is found the lodge is suffering. If the officer wishes to continue in line under such circumstances he should realize his responsibility to the lodge and to the Craft and be prepared to make extra sacrifices for the benefit of the lodge.

MEMBERSHIP

Once again I find there has been a substantial increase in our membership. The report of the Grand Secretary will show an increase of over 4,600 during the past year. The total membership of this Grand Lodge is now over 109,000 and there are 572 lodges.

When we consider this great influx of members and the substantial growth of our Grand Lodge in recent years it gives us cause for thought. What is it that prompts men to seek membership in Masonry? What is the answer to this great growth? There is something in the times in which we live. Men are bewildered at what is going on around them; they are seeking some guidance; they are groping for light; they are seeking the light of philosohy and the moral law.

This is a great testing time through which we are now passing. It is a testing time for man and for man-made institutions. Those institutions which are not worth-while will disappear, but those which are worth-while will survive. Masonry is one of those man-made institutions which has stood the test of time. It is recognized by men as one of the great basic institutions of our civilization. It is serving as an instrument for the welfare of mankind.

What is the objective of Masonry? It teaches a man that he is a man made in the image of God—that he has God's law given to him and that he is here on this earth for a definite and distinct purpose. He is an immortal soul. The laws given to him are embraced in the Ten Commandments. He must remember that he and his brother are made of the same clay and each has the same rights. He must remember that liberty is something given to man and that he must value that liberty and defend it and also that he himself must be worthy of it. Masonry is a great directive for the moral ailments of man.

Just as others have done before me, I must sound the warning "Guard well the portals." That warning has been sounded time and time again but in spite of this we find a lodge in this Jurisdiction accepting as an applicant for membership and granting initiation to one who has lived in Canada for only about six months. This applicant was supposedly investigated by the committee, balloted on by the members and given his initiation before anyone thought of asking him how long he had lived in Canada. The fact that this same lodge has had a large increase in its membership in recent years naturally makes one wonder if they are not more interested in the quantity than in the quality of members. Laxity of this character is bound to undermine the best of institutions. It must be avoided.

If we are to maintain this Grand Lodge and keep it up to the high standards of the past, we must be ever watchful, proud of our membership in this Order and determined that when a man is said to be a Mason it is one of the highest compliments that can be paid to him.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1948

"MASONIC LODGES AND COMMUNISM"

I must say that I was surprised to hear over the air some two or three weeks ago, in a religious session, a statement which associated Freemasonry with Communism. It came from a Priest of the Church, who apparently was interested in decrying the Craft. I have, for some time, admired the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church towards Communism and have had a very definite opinion that that Church and Freemasonry are possibly the most forthright opponents of that subversive ideology. I felt compelled when, later, I read the address in print to regard it as being based upon antipathy towards the Craft, and for that reason its presumed association with Communism was only another example of that old adage that any stick is good enough with which to beat a dog.

For the most part the remarks consisted of the old arguments against Rationalistic Continental Freemasonry that have been put forward from time to time over the past 100 years, and which appear to have arisen out of the Ecclesiastical idea that the Rationalistic Lodges of Italy were used by Garibaldi in his campaign for a United Nation. That English-speaking Freemasonry does not recognize or approve in any way either these rationalistic systems or the introduction of politics in its lodges has been carefully ignored.

I doubt whether the speaker was unaware that Freemasonry throughout the English-speaking world is built upon a belief in God, loyalty to the established Government (in our case to His Majesty the King, himself a Freemason of the highest rank), tolerance of one another's failings, and the practice of universal beneficence and charity. None of these things is to be found in the ideology of Communism, nor, of course, are they conspicuous in many other organizations. Freemasonry is also possibly the most democratic of institutions, in that every member has a voice in its government. It is pleasing to note that, after castigating in his best forensic manner the operations of atheistic bodies calling themselves Freemasons, the speaker admits that "in other parts of the world Freemasonry, as far as one can judge, has adopted a somewhat different policy. That section of the Press which has commonly been looked upon as Masonic, or influenced by Masonry, not only recently applauded Communistic activity abroad but was strongly conservative in local politics." In that latter part of this quotation there is a statement that is undoubtedly inaccurate. Freemasonry has never applauded Communism. It has, at times, applauded the efforts of people who endeavoured to free themselves from oppression—political or other—but it has never, at any time, subscribed to Communistic doctrines, which are as intolerant, even more intolerant, than any other form of oppression. "The Catholic Church," said the speaker, "opposes Communism because it is anti-religious and because it denies the fundamental rights of man." In that respect, Freemasonry in the British Empire goes the whole way with the Church and it is to be regretted that there should not be complete agreement between two powerful organizations possessing the same ideals in this respect. But when he says that, "wherever Masonry opposes Communism, it is not because Communism is anti-religious or because of any deep philosophic agreement, but more probably because Communism threatens the Capitalist pocket," he is saying then something that is untrue and that can only be ascribed to ignorance of the Craft.

Masonry does not profess to be a religion. It is a philosophy of life which recognizes and reveres the value of religion, but it is not, in itself, denominational. Its members are to be found actively engaged in the Church work of every denomination, not excluding, if report be true, that of the Catholic Church.

I have lived a fairly long life in this community and have been closely identified with the work of my own church and with Freemasonry, as well as with many other public services. I have repeatedly criticised Communism because, in the words of the broadcast, "of my deep philosophical disagreement." I have never considered it from a standpoint that it threatens the Capitalists' pocket. I do not think that the protection of Capitalism enters into the question from the standpoint of Freemasonry any more than it does so from the standpoint of the Catholic Church.

In conclusion, I am pleased to note that true Freemasonry is not atheistic and that "individual Masons are often enough good men and our brothers." From the Masonic standpoint we can sincerely say the same of our Catholic brethren.

COLORADO. Grand Lecturer. 1948

As to the appointment of the District Lecturers by the Grand Lecturer, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, this will be started during the coming year. A primary qualification of these officials is that they be perfect as to the correct wording of our secret work, and this will, no doubt, require checking by the Grand Lecturer.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain the type of hat generally worn by the Masters, that is the silk variety, and I am coming to be more and more a believer that this type of headgear should not be worn unless the officer is properly clothed for same; and such proper clothing is formal attire. I plead guilty to the fact that through the generosity of some Lodges, principally South Denver Lodge No. 93, I have sent hats of this kind to various Lodges that owned none, or had one, or more, exceedingly shabby ones, but I now wish that I had urged the Masters of such Lodges to wear the type in keeping with their clothing, in other words, their street hats.

Actually, insofar as I can now recall, there are but two Lodges in this jurisdiction whose officers are garbed in a manner which would harmonize with the headgear of the silk, or top hat variety, as these officers are clothed in full evening dress. In a number of our Lodges the officers wear tuxedos, but no such officer, so clothed, would think of attending a social function wearing a top hat. But in the great majority of our Lodges the Masters wear business suits and, although we are, more or less, accustomed to such formal hats in the Lodge halls, yet, in the summer when the Master is so covered, while wearing a light suit, and, at times, without his coat, merely puts him in a ludicrous light. I have actually seen, during the war, Masons in military uniform wearing this so-called "top hat." Absurdity could go no further.

And, when we appear in public, especially during the summer months, when overcoats are not worn, this absurdity is then brought out in the open, and the fraternity made ridiculous in the eyes of the profane. I know one Past

Master who wore such a hat when conferring a burial service, but never did it again. His wife informed him he looked like a cannibal king who had just eaten a white man.

I find that some Masons appear to believe that it is a Grand Lodge regulation that this formal hat should be worn by the Master. They are wrong, no such regulation exists. There is a regulation that the Master should be covered while presiding, but it is inferred that it will be in accordance with common sense and good taste.

GEORGIA. Grand Master. 1947

DISPENSATIONS

During the present year there has been many requests for the granting of Special Dispensations, in most instances being for the purpose of holding communications out of time, or the conferring of degrees on a greater number than is authorized under our Masonic Law. I have been more or less liberal in exercising the authority and discretion given for the granting of these dispensations and have complied with the requests made when the cause was deemed sufficient.

There appears, however, to be an increased demand for dispensations with respect to the conferring of degrees upon more than the statutory number of candidates; this prompted no doubt, account of a seeming tendency on the part of many for the grouping of candidates into large numbers or classes, and thus creating the necessity of having to make such requests. In considering the welfare and interest of the individual candidate in particular, as well as looking to the good of Masonry generally, I am of the opinion, that the conferring of degrees upon candidates in large numbers, or so-called classes, should in every way possible be discouraged and avoided.

MASONIC PROGRESS

The report of the Grand Secretary will reveal, that approximately sixty-five hundred candidates have been raised during present year, and that another substantial gain will be shown. We are nearing the all-time peak numerically attained following World War I. This continued growth necessarily reflects decided activity and real interest in Masonry throughout our State.

This being further evidenced, in that Charters were granted to four new Lodges by this Grand Body at its last Communication, which have been presented, the Lodges duly constituted and authorized to meet and work.

Also, in the granting by Grand Master, upon proper application and showing, of Special Dispensations for the forming of nine additional new Lodges, all of which are now actively at work under such dispensations.

Members of a large number of our Lodges, have made themselves proficient in conferring the degrees, have organized into Degree Teams, and are rendering a real service in the interest of Masonry by a proper and impressive exemplification of the respective degrees. Such Degree Teams merit and are entitled to the highest commendation for their many sacrifices, efforts and love of our Noble Order in performing this most worthy service. I hold but praise and commendation for their wonderful work. It is observed however, that there are many teams, clubs, and otherwise designated, of an entirely different type from the Degree Team described above, also conferring, rather purporting to confer, the respective degrees. I would think that in every instance the members composing this latter group, are worthy brothers, serving under the very best of intentions and certainly with no wilful or ulterior purpose in view. It being my information, that in many instances where the Second Section of the Master's Degree is being conferred, and supposedly dramatized, that same is such a deviation and departure from Ancient Usages until it is hardly recognizable as Masonry at all; further, that even printed script is being obtained in play-right form for use by such teams.

Masonic Law being clear and explicit as to the conferring of degrees, it is my recommendation, that any present or future team, club, or other group, and which is so organized for the purpose of, or engages in, the dramatization of any of the respective degrees of Masonry, shall prior to the conferring of such degree, or any part thereof, on an active candidate, by such method, first apply to and satisfy the Custodian of Uniform Work of their district that there are no departures, changes or deviations from Ancient Usages in such dramatization as will by them be performed, obtaining written approval thereof.

ROUGHNESS PROHIBITED

Next, and in connection with my last and short recommendation, I desire to submit and call attention anew to a Section of our Code, which is as follows:

> "Sec. 176. Roughness Prohibited. — Frivolity, roughness, or brutality in conferring degrees will upon the first offense subject the Lodge to severe reprimand, and upon the second offense, to forfeiture of Charter."

The reasons and necessity for this Code Section are clear. Unfortunately, in various sections of the State, this law is being violated, in many instances, totally disregarded. In every case, may we hope it has not been permitted by any wilful intent.

May I recommend to the Worshipful Master of every Lodge in Georgia, and through you to your successor in office, that you frequently call attention in open Lodge to this section of our Code, and if deemed necessary, have it read at each communication when a degree is to be conferred.

MAINE. Grand Master. 1948

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY

During the past year statistics show that Free Masonry in this jurisdiction has had a satisfactory and healthy growth. The membership has increased from 40,591 to 42,082, a net gain of 1,491. A careful study of the reports submitted by the District Deputy Grand Masters signifies that the lodges are enjoying a healthy growth. In my opinion, the rendition of the ritual in an atmosphere of solemn attention by the Brethren present is necessary to give the candidate the proper perspective of the great truths taught in the three degrees. It has been my earnest endeavor through my District Deputies and personally at all my visitations to impress this solemn duty upon the minds of the brethren assembled. Progress and prosperity have favored our efforts, in a satisfactory degree. While our net gain is not equal to that of the previous year, I nevertheless feel that our increase is reflected through the untiring work of all the Grand Lodge officers, which your Grand Master greatly appreciates.

To-day, we are drifting away from the landmarks of our early conception of government. The tendency is toward Socialism, Communism, and disregard of law. Notwithstanding the present conditions, I nevertheless have absolute confidence in the complete triumph of civilization over the enemies of organized society. This disrespect for law is strictly contrary to the tenets of Masonry and, therefore, I am calling upon this representative body of men assembled to exert their influence upon the people of their respective communities that friendship, morality and Brotherly Love may prevail for the betterment of all mankind.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Grand Master. 1948

During the year just passed we have made a gain in membership of 520, and the present membership is 14,756. Although this is not as large an increase as the previous year we are satisfied with it.

At the Lodges of Instruction, when the roll was called by the Grand Secretary, it was pleasing to note the number present on each occasion who had been raised to the degree of Master Mason during the year. It was also noted that several of the District Deputies and Lecturers, as well as many of the brethren from outside the District and the Grand Jurisdiction, were numbered among those present.

The exchange of visits of Lodges in the State of New Hampshire with those in other States, where such is permitted, is extremely pleasing. Such visits not only stimulate a better fraternal relationship but also a greater interest toward ritual perfection.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1948

MASON AT SIGHT

On July 24, 1948, I attended an Extra Meeting of Eulalia Lodge, No. 342, Coudersport, and caused Dr. Nolan D. C. Lewis to be made a Mason at Sight.

On October 9. 1948, I attended an Extra Meeting of State College Lodge, No. 700, State College, and caused James Milholland and Samuel K. Hostetter, to be made Masons at Sight.

On November 4, 1948, I attended an Extra Meeting of George W. Guthrie Lodge, No. 691, Pittsburgh, anl caused Albert Horne Burchfield, to be made a Mason at Sight.

On December 18, 1948, I attended an Extra Meeting of Crescent Lodge, No. 576, Pittsburgh, and caused Frank E. Proctor, Jr., to be made a Mason at Sight.

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1948

Most of the Lodges have been very active this past year and keen interest in the Fraternity is evident throughout the jurisdiction. Financially, the Grand Lodge and most of the Constituent Lodges are in better condition than for many years. It behooves us in the days of prosperity to prepare for the days of adversity which will follow as surely as night follows day. Never before in the history of this great agricultural State have we been favored with so many succesive years of good crops and high prices as have been received in the last decade. I am confident that there are enough men in this Grand Lodge and in the Constituent Lodges with their feet solidly on the ground to see that a relief fund is set up in every Lodge and who will insist that a regular sum will be added to such fund annually.

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Secretary. 1948

Last year we called attention to the pressure of Petitioners, especially in the larger communities of our jurisdiction, and the difficulty of the individual brother of such lodges determining the character of the petitioner and his fitness to become a Mason. Somewhere we have been charged "to guard well the outer door". If we are to depend upon the report of the Investigating Committee, is there not an increasing necessity that such committees be more or less permanent, and the members who recommend petitioners be called upon to give information as to character, personality, background, training and if possible, motives for petitioning a Masonic Lodge for the Symbolic degrees. It may be this suggestion may be considered without merit or validity, but take it from us, we need to make Masons rather than members.

QUEBEC. Committee on State of Masonry. 1948

GUARD YOUR PORTALS

Your Committee feel strongly that strict caution should be observed in admitting new members to our fraternity. If the investigating committee cannot satisfy itself with the information available the candidate should be held back. Anything which strikes at human liberty has no place within our portals and some are suffering from the attacks of a virus detrimental to our spiritual and national liberty.

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1948

I have noted with some concern that many of the Lodges in this Jurisdiction have added a large number to their membership and as I remarked in my address of last year, I am still of the opinion that Lodges which are endeavouring to initiate a large number in each year, are perhaps counting on quantity rather than quality.

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1948

Again we show a substantial increase in membership with a net gain of 474. Not as large as a year ago, but, still, a substantial increase. These numerical statistics are indeed pleasing to your Grand Officers and, yet, numerical gains do not necessarily mean that we have a successful year. Success cannot be measured by increased membership. If Freemasonry is successful, its membership must practice the tenets of this time-honored institution in their everyday living. Unless we, as Masons, are doing our part in making the world a better place in which to live, then we cannot justify our existence and we may as well shut our doors and admit failure. I believe, however, that we, as individual Masons, are more and more, coming alive to our responsibilities, not only to ourselves, but to our fellowmen and are on our way to fulfilling the magnificent destiny which our forebears wrote into the history of our institution and our country.

SASKATCHEWAN. Committee on Condition of Masonry. 1948

We have not quoted extensively from the reports of D.D.G.M.s when they referred primarily and in a complimentary manner to the Lodges and their officers; but there are some which we think should be presented for general consideration. One D.D.G.M. made the following recommendation:

> "That new Members be advanced to the Wardens' Chairs only after they have shown by work in the Junior Offices that they are suitable for advancement."

It has been observed that in a few Lodges, newly made Masons have been elected to the Wardens' Chairs without the experience of having served in Junior positions. Such rapid advancement imposes heavy responsibilities on the Officers concerned and may involve risk, unless the individuals concerned are exceptionally able to master the detail of their duties and unusually diligent in their study of the principles upon which Freemasonry rests.

Your Committee has observed also that in a few instances Lodges have continued to utilize the services of Brethren who are veterans in our Order, some of them having reached or neared their fourscore years. It is a worthy tribute to them that they should be so selected to contribute of their rich experience to the development of the Lodge. Due consideration should always be given, however, to the available material in the Lodge in order to train as many as possible in the duties of the Master's Chair and thus provide the maximum number of skilled Craftsmen within the Membership of the Lodge. Since an Institution is but the lengthened shadow of a man or group of men, it is of the utmost importance that they be wisely chosen for leadership.

Another comment of a D.D.G.M. is that "nearly all of the Lodges are occupied with the reception of Candidates and conferring of Degrees—all are busy, I could wish that more time were taken for the enlargement of Masonic knowledge and skills and for the pleasure of intervisitation". Surely this comment requires no elaboration. It really underscores the importance of the Master's work in planning meetings, in carrying them through in good time and in blending the programme in a manner that is pleasing and attractive without overlooking the essentials.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1948

Limitation of Membership: — That Conference consider methods whereby the number of new members may be limited and controlled.

> Recommendation:—That this Conference re-affirm the resolution of the 1925 Second Australian Masonic Conference with respect to the limitation of candidates which reads as follows: "That it is not desirable that Lodges become so large in number as to imperil fraternal fellowship."

The question of British Freemasons desiring to emigrate. (Queensland).

> Recommendation:—That the Grand Lodge of each Jurisdiction be asked to consider the best method of dealing with any British Freemason who may be desirous of emigration to Australia by correspondence with the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1949

At the last Communication I mentioned the proceedings of the Sixth Australian Conference held in Melbourne during March, 1947. The summary of the recommendations of the Conference is contained in the summons for this Communication and has been fully explained by the President of the Board. The recommendations should be carefully perused by all members of Grand Lodge. I would like to draw attention to No. 11 — "That it is not desirable that Lodges become so large in number as to imperil fraternal friendship." The corollary of this recommendation is the formation of new Lodges whenever the conditions are favourable. At a consecration over which I presided recently, one of the determining factors in the decision to form the new Lodge was the size of the parent body, and when speaking at the festive board, one of the brethren mentioned that his mother Lodge has become so large that he found it impossible to know even the names of many with whom he sat in Lodge.

Our numbers are steadily increasing and have reached 18,436 for the whole constitution. But I again lay emphasis on the necessity of quality before quantity. Unfortunately the Board of General Purposes is too frequently required to deal with brethren who have committed offences referred to in Constitution 127(b). It is the Board's policy to deal with these cases with as much privacy as possible, but members of Grand Lodge should know that they do occur more often than the Board likes to see. It is a distressing jurisdiction which the Board has to exercise, and each brother should make it his own concern as far as possible to eliminate the necessity for the Board to discharge this particular function. There are two ways in which Lodges can help — the first is to emphasise the great teachings of the ritual and to raise ceremonies above mere form. The second is to see that a proper enquiry is made into the character of proposed candidates particularly in relation to their family life. The Craft has set itself the task of taking a high place in the life of the community and each transgression reflects upon the whole. I have made these observations at the express request of the Board.

EDUCATION

NEW ZEALAND. Grand Master. 1948

There is, however, one matter to which I desire to briefly refer. It concerns rejected candidates. I have found that much that is not Masonic arises from the rejection of candidates for Freemasonry. Brethren who support the candidature of a man seeking admission to our ranks, take offence, and occasionally sever their connection with the Lodge when the candidate is rejected. Every Brother, and presumably every candidate, knows the conditions under which admission is sought. When, therefore, a candidate is rejected at any stage, the rejection should be taken in the right spirit. It is most certain that the rejection of a non-Mason who is seeking admission should not be allowed to disturb the harmony or happy fraternal relationships of Brethren who are already Masons. It must not be forgotten that Brethren have certain rights and powers, and we must assume that they will exercise those powers with discretion and circumspection. When there is any doubt the Craft should be given the benefit of the doubt.

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Master. 1948

Only as we learn the ritual, only as we study its meaning—study it until we feel it, can we put heart and soul into giving the candidate what we have found and feel. We do not say this alone will result in making Masons of more of these who are entering our portals in such great numbers, but we shall be justified in the thought that we have made some contribution toward such consummation. Then, too, will the degree be interesting and inspiring to all brethren present as well as to the candidate.

Masonry is enjoying an era of prosperity unprecedented, and has made some progress. Let us be consistent in all of its many phases.

MONTANA. Grand Master. 1948

THE SO-CALLED SHORT FORM OF THE SECOND SECTION OF THE MASTER MASON'S DEGREE

My brethren, there is no "short form." If you will consult the Mnemonics, page 112, you will note that in case of a class of candidates, as well as in the raising of one brother, each receives the work in full form, not in the so-called short form. The latter is an expedient permitting the wholesale conferring of degrees and has no place in the Masonry of this jurisdiction.

It seems to me this menace should be met and should be abolished. The Masonry of the large lodge should be identical with the Masonry in the small lodge; neither should be permitted to depart from the ritual. As your Grand Master, I deem it my duty to place this subject before you.

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1948

MASONIC EDUCATION

In reading the reports of the Committees on Education in other Grand Lodges, I find that this is a very live and practical subject, and I would like to make particular reference to this.

In these uncertain and strenuous days, when the youth of our city are perhaps frustrated and are uncertain which way to turn, I would like to suggest that we should ourselves turn to education in the home. I do not mean so much education in schools and colleges, as I do moral and spiritual education. In my view, the moral and spiritual education of the youth in our families is not receiving the attention it should. If we do not bring these young men up under the influence and respect of the Volume of the Sacred Law in the home, we cannot expect them to have a proper regard for what we call the Great Architect and if this side of their education is neglected, how can we expect these young men to become interested in Masonry, if we as Masons supporting an Order which is based on the fundamental principle of truth in the Volume of the Sacred Law, do not bring this practice into our homes. Religion is essential and, if we as free Masons sincerely believe in our principles, then we must put religion first, and having done that, the great principles of our Order will flow freely into the minds and hearts of our members.

Now let me say a few words about our Masonic Education. If we desire to help our members we must put at their disposal some means of reading and studying the early history of the Order, the principles for which it stands and a broad-the great principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS

FLORIDA. Grand Master. 1948

December 19, I advised our Grand Secretary that the matter of a match cover bearing the emblem of the Square and Compass and advertising the place as Seminole Club, 1433½ Northwest Third Avenue, Miami, transmitted to him through the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of New York, had been referred to Right Worshipful Alvin D. Simpson, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third Masonic District, with the direction to make a thorough investigation of this matter.

Right Worshipful Brother Simpson reported his findings as follows: "That the person named in the letter, and whose place of business appears on the match cover with the Square and Compass, is a Negro; that the place mentioned is in the colored business section of Miami; that there are two Negro Lodges in Miami; that these two Negro Lodges have a large and very active membership; and that Masonic emblems are disgracefully displayed in windows of places of business and on automobiles."

I directed our Grand Secretary to inform the Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York of our findings, and to advise further that we had no jurisdiction in the matter.

February 9, I directed our Grand Secretary to inform the Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., that the matter referred to us concerning a member of our St. Johns Lodge No. 37, DeLand, being engaged in the liquor business in Hawkinsville, Georgia, had been successfully handled, and that our Brother in question had shown the proper spirit of co-operation, and divorced himself voluntarily and completely from the liquor traffic.

March 25, in response to a communication from our Grand Secretary, enclosing therewith a copy of a letter sent to him with one of the original letters mailed to the membership of one of our Lodges by an officer thereof, seeking support and assistance on behalf of his candidacy for public office, I issued a directive to the Mason in question in part as follows:

"This procedure is against all the principles and traditions of our organization, and I must direct you to immediately desist from any further solicitation of votes in such manner.

"I am sure that you have merely overlooked the fact that Masonry does not permit its members to advertise the fact that they are Masons in order that personal gain may be realized.

"Kindly acknowledge receipt of this communication and give me the assurance that the further solicitation of votes in this manner is of this date stopped." I was so assured by telegram.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

May 2, to Orion Lodge No. 40, Chipley, to re-open a dark ballot. Regulation 380 as amended at 1944 session.

May 30, to James Carnell Lodge No. 223, Miami, to act upon the petition of a blind man. Regulations 287-291.

RULINGS

July 30, in reply to an inquiry from the District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District concerning salutation of the officers of a Lodge when balloting, I answered as follows: "That it was proper for the officers to salute, and the Worshipful Master is saluted, not the ballot box, but the Worshipful Master is not required to salute in return."

June 24, in reply to a letter from St. Andrews Lodge No. 212, St. Andrew, relative to a difference of opinion between the Worshipful Master of St. Andrews Lodge and the High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter as to the interpretation of the regulations governing the petitioning of Master Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction for the degrees of appendant orders of Masonry, I replied that the Worshipful Master was correct in his understanding of the regulation, which is:

"Master Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction are prohibited from petitioning for the degrees of the appendant orders of Masonry until they have been Master Masons for at least six months, or have passed a satisfactory examination on the catechism of the Third Degree."

"If the Excellent High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter is of a different opinion, then the High Priest is in error."

IDAHO. Grand Master. 1948

To Hailey Lodge No. 16 to confer the Master Mason Degree on the summit of Bald Mountain near Hailey, Idaho, on Monday, July 19, 1948. Sufficient precautions to be taken to prevent the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers adequate to preserve the secrecy of the work.

Q. A man who has lost his right hand has asked for a Petition. This man is approximately 39 years of age and lost the hand in the war. He uses a hook, operated by shoulder muscles. Normally this man would pass the ballot.

Answer. The matter of physical qualifications is one that has aroused much Masonic discussion and to some extent, controversy over many years. However, we are guided by Masonic Landmarks and Law in this respect from which we cannot deviate. We are reminded of this in our 18th Landmark which is quite explicit, and of course Article 19, Section 1901 of our Code and Digest, which specifies very clearly the matter of physical qualifications. In view of these facts and the information furnished, I have no alternative but to refuse dispensation. This is a difficult thing to say for no one has greater sympathy than myself for a young man who has suffered so in the service of his country, but precedent and law allow me no other course.

IOWA. Grand Master. 1948

Question submitted by James F. Hassel, Secretary, Roosevelt Lodge No. 626, Davenport, asking how a brother residing in Davenport, formerly a member of a lodge at Frankfurt, Germany, can affiliate with a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

This question was very ably answered by our Grand Secretary, and in addition to that I held that it will be necessary for the brother to gather what evidence he can that he was a Master Mason, give the name and number of his lodge, if any, and what happened to his lodge, and submit the same to the Grand Lodge of Iowa to be acted upon under Code Section 299b.

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1947

OPINION

Richard Hale, secretary, requested an opinion for Marion Hale Lodge No. 672, of Inez, Ky., based on the following:

> Question: "One of our brothers has built a new building here in our town and intends to insert the Masonic Emblem on the sign over his name in front of the building.
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> "We would like information if this is proper or if our brother is in order to do this. Will appreciate an immediate answer as the building is nearing completion."

In the meantime, I also received a letter from Brother Kelly Useen to which was attached a sketch of the stone which he intended using.

Answer: According to Regulation 305, Book of Constitutions, which states, "Use of Masonic Emblems or the term 'Masonic' in advertising any business by any individual or company is a Masonic offense, and subjects the user to trial." In my opinion it would be an improper use of our emblem.

I have suggested that he use the stone as intended, but first have the emblem removed and then a suitable emblem typifying the business in which he is engaged engraved thereon, similar to the emblem used on his letterheads.

OPINION

Dr. Jno. Adkins, Jr., senior warden of Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375, Pikeville, requested an opinion based on the facts here stated.

> Question: "At a called meeting of our lodge last night, we conferred the Master Mason degree on one candidate. After completing the first section of the degree and before the second section was conferred, the newly obligated brother was waiting in the preparation room. While the Lodge was getting ready to confer the Second Section, a member of our Lodge, who is an officer in the Chapter here, approached the Brother in the preparation room, and

> with a petition in his hand, solicited him to petition the Chapter. The newly obligated brother acceded and filled out the petition at that time.
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> "The above situation is not uncommon in our lodge.
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> "Now is the action of the Chapter man legal and ethical under the Constitution and concepts of Kentucky Masonry?"

Answer: I have your letter of December 17, 1946, which I have read with interest. For some time I have been aware of such tactics.

Your question, I can answer in part only. While I do not know of a law touching on the subject, certainly no one will deny that the practice is unethical, and should be frowned upon by all members of our fraternity.

The time for such solicitation is after the man has been raised and permitted to digest the beautiful symbolism of the three degrees.

Perhaps, you should remind the brethren guilty of this practice, that this is neither the time nor place, wait until the symbolic degrees are completed.

Assuming that after December 27, you will be master of Thomas C. Cecil Lodge, you should call attention to and forbid such practice. If necessary instruct your stewards and the tiler to forbid anyone to solicit the candidates while in the anteroom and in their charge.

OPINION

Richard G. Evans requests opinion for Whitesburg Lodge No. 754.

> Question: "The writer has been instructed to learn if it would be permissible to record the second section lectures on sound records, that we might use this method of explaining the photo slides of each

> degree, as there are only two or three of our members able to deliver these lectures and sometimes we find that neither of them are present when we need them."

Answer: In my opinion it would leave a bad impression on the candidate if the work was given in this manner.

There is also in each of the monitorial lectures, explanations of the esoteric work, which as you know could not be recorded, nor given in any other way than mouth to ear.

As your Grand Master, I look upon the idea unfavorably.

With a membership of more than one hundred and seventy Masons, I am certain that the talent necessary to do this work can be developed among some of the newly obligated brethren, whom I am quite sure will assist, if called upon.

I have known of cases where the smaller lodges call upon neighboring lodges for assistance, when necessary.

At any rate, let us not resort to "canning our Masonry."

MEXICO (York Grand Lodge). Grand Master. 1948

June 26, 1947—Request for re-instatement of Fellowcraft Bro. Ellis D. Williams Frigar by Tampico Lodge No. 10. The above Brother allowed 18 years to lapse before requesting re-instatement and during this period had not contributed financially or otherwise to the upkeep of this Lodge. A Study of his replies to the questionnaire submitted to him by the Investigating Committee of Tampico Lodge No. 10 were neither impressing nor convincing and he was unable to satisfactorily prove inability to pay his dues. Nor could he furnish information showing circumstances beyond his control which made it impossible for him to apply for reinstatement at an earlier date.

An opinion handed down by the Committee on Jurisprudence, after discussing the generalities of the case, followed "The greatest book of law ever written — the Bible —

places no limit to the time required for "repentance" nor does the Grand Lodge Constitution place any limit on the allowable period of suspension. The suspended Brother, be he Master Mason or Fellowcraft deserves Masonic consideration assuming that, during the period of suspension his Masonic conduct has been beyond reproach".

Notwithstanding the above opinion I ruled that Fellowcraft Bro. Ellis D. Williams Frigar was not eligible for reinstatement in Tampico Lodge No. 10.

July 17, 1947—To cover similar cases I further ruled that a Brother of whatsoever degree cannot apply for reinstatement after five years had elapsed since his suspension, unless he can satisfactorily prove that he was financially unable to pay his dues and that conditions beyond his control did not permit of his applying for re-instatement, in which events, duly substantiated, the period would be extended to seven years. I instructed the Grand Secretary to advise the Constituent Lodges of this ruling.

July 18, 1947—Through the offices of the Grand Secretary the belief was expressed that some sort of action should be taken by the Grand Lodge to determine the extent of our relations with the Eastern Star which would serve as a guide to the latter in deciding whether they should or should not accept the petitions of wives or members of Jurisdictions with which we have intervisitation privileges only. I decided that since the York Grand Lodge does not recognize the Eastern Star any members of our Grand Jurisdiction having any official contact with representatives of that body with the view of providing information would have their actions considered as an unconstitutional act, and in upholding our Constitution I forbid any and all contact that might be considered as being of an official nature.

August 15, 1947—It having been called to my attention on several occasions that Worshipful Masters do not take the necessary steps to fill all of the officer's stations upon opening Lodge Communications even when there are sufficient members present to enable this to be accomplished, I instructed the Grand Secretary to write the Secretaries of each of our Constitutent Lodges pointing out that the duties of the Worshipful Master are clearly defined in the Standard Monitor authorized for use by our Grand Lodge and express my hope that where these duties have been ignored, they will henceforth be adhered to.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1948

The Secretary of a lodge writes that one of the members of their lodge is part owner of a potato cellar. A part of this cellar has been converted into a cold storage plant. The question is, would the part owner of the potato cellar be guilty of unmasonic conduct if it were leased to a wholesaler strictly for the purpose of storing beer? I replied, "If the part owner of the cellar is positive that the beer will be stored only and not sold, he is not guilty of unmasonic conduct. However, if he enters into such a lease and later finds the wholesaler selling the beer from the cellar, he would be subject to Masonic discipline and the burden of reporting the case and filing the charges would rest upon the officers of your lodge. To say the least, it is a very close case."

TASMANIA. Board of General Purposes. 1948

The Board has made the following decision affecting Subordinate Lodges:—

> A Master may vacate his Chair, if he so desires, in favour of a visiting Master or Past Master, or a Past Master of his own Lodge for the purpose of carrying out the Ceremony.

The Board again directs attention, that Masonic Aprons must be worn outside coats, except when full evening dress is worn.

The Board makes the following recommendations to Lodges:—

(a) That Entered apprentices and Fellowcrafts be encouraged to attend rehearsals, provided they have attained the Degree in which the work is to be done.

(b) That a Past Master should retire from the Lodge for the purpose of giving instruction to Brethren retired whilst a higher Degree is being worked.

(c) That at least three lectures or lecturettes be given in each Lodge each year.

It is with pleasure that I have to report that the control of the Masonic Library has been taken over by the New Lodge of Research. Grand Lodge is most grateful for the long and faithful service rendered by the retired Library Committee. Lodges should continue to support the Library as in the past, as much useful work in the way of Masonic Education can be done by the Lodge of Research through the medium of the Library.

New Regulation 99A.

99A Lodges of Research.

Any Lodge of Research holding a Charter from Grand Lodge may be exempted from payment of the Charter fee and dues to Grand Lodge, provided that the by-laws of the Lodge limit membership to members who are Master Masons in good standing and are financial or Honorary Life Members of a Craft Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

R.W. Bro. A. C. Lowe moved that this new Regulation be added to the Book of Constitutions.

M.W. Bro. H. V. Biggins, P.G.M. and first Master of the newly formed Hobart Lodge of Research, seconded.

In doing so he stated that the new Regulation was based on one of the by-laws of the Lodge of Research, which stated that membership was confined to Brethren who are Master Masons in good standing and are financial or Honorary Life members of a Craft Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania. The fees payable by members were small, and practically all income would be used in printing pamphlets, etc., which would be distributed to members during the year. All members were already paying dues to Grand Lodge through their respective Lodges, in some cases several times, owing to their membership of more than one Craft Lodge.

The Grand Master spoke in support of the new Regulation, and said Grand Lodge should support in every way possible the work of the Lodge of Research. He would like to see other Lodges of Research established in the Island.

R.W. Bro. R. P. Furmage, D.G.M., asked whether, in framing the by-laws, the committee had considered whether this particular by-law was not too restricting in its nature? There may be financial members of other Constitutions who might desire membership of the Lodge of Research, and it would appear that they would be debarred from joining.

M.W. Bro. Biggins said that the Committee had not, apparently, given much consideration to that point. Associate membership would be available to any such Brethren. The matter could be considered later.

Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was carried unanimously.

VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1948

Many requests have been submitted for decisions on questions of Masonic law. Generally I was able to point out decisions on like questions, contained in the Annotations to the Methodical Digest.

In several instances, rulings were sought on moot questions of Masonic law, sometimes in search of enlightenment, or for information, but generally to satisfy curiosity or to settle arguments. I held in such cases that:

1. District Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Master are not required to decide or rule on moot questions of Masonic law or usage. Only questions arising from actual operation of the law or usage should be submitted for interpretation and decision, and then through regular course as provided in the Methodical Digest.

Facts: R.W. Parkis D. Kennedy, District Deputy Grand Master of the 48th Masonic District, advised me that it had been the practice in lodges of that district to allow visitors to ballot on the Masonic proficiency and moral fitness of candidates, and that since it had been suggested that such action was illegal, he desired a ruling on the question.

Question: May visitors be allowed to ballot on the Masonic proficiency or moral fitness of candidates?

Ruling: No. Only members of the individual lodge concerned may ballot on the Masonic proficiency or moral fitness of a candidate.

Facts: Petitioner, Mr. S., has defective hearing that is corrected by a hearing aid. While wearing this hearing aid, he is able to hear any normal conversation, and without it, he can tell what is said provided he can see the lips of the person talking. If he cannot see the lips of the person talking when he does not wear the hearing aid, he cannot understand what is said even when the person shouts quite loudly.

Question: Is petitioner eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry?

Ruling: No. Section 217 of the Methodical Digest clearly provides that any petitioner must be able to conform to our ritual without friendly or artificial assistance. This, Mr. S. cannot do. It seems hardly necessary to mention that there are times during the conferring of the degrees that a candidate would be unable to read the lips of the speaker. The metallic hearing aid could not be worn by the candidate during the initiation for reasons known by every well informed Mason.

WASHINGTON. Grand Master. 1948

On September 22, 1947, certain questions were answered in reply to queries propounded:

1. Can a brother vote at the annual election of officers when he has not been examined in the third degree and has not paid any dues?

No.

2. Can he be installed into office when he has not been examined in the third degree nor paid any dues?

No.

3. Is he exempt from payment of dues as long as he delays being examined?

Yes. In connection with this answer, may I call your attention to Section 2025 of the Washington Masonic Code 1930 Third Edition, referring to proficiency in the degrees, which has not in any way been obviated by the passage of the regulation referred to in the heading of this letter. The Lodge has the responsibility of seeing that the Brother is properly posted and that he becomes proficient in the sixty days provided in this section.

4. Is the Lodge exempt from Grand Lodge dues on brethren who have not been examined nor paid any dues?

Yes.

5. Can they be present at the opening of the Lodge or must they be excluded until after the Senior Warden has announced that all present are Master Masons?

They may attend their own Lodges in the same manner that they are able to attend Lodges of Entered Apprentices and of Fellowcraft when they have attained these respective degrees.

6. Can they be dropped for non-payment of dues, when they are not required to pay any dues until after being examined in the third degree?

No. May I again call your attention to the necessity of following Section 2025 of the Code.

On April 10, 1948, at the request of one of the Alaska Lodges, I ruled that an Entered Apprentice who was unable to learn the posting lecture of the degree, could not be advanced, as the Grand Master had no power to waive the requirement for proficiency.

WYOMING. Grand Master. 1948

January 1, 1948, Acacia Lodge No. 11, Cheyenne, inquired as to the procedure in passing upon the proficiency of candidates appearing for examination, stated thus: It has been our custom to open the M.M. degree and to call down to the degree necessary to conduct the examination, then resume work on the M.M. degree to pass on their proficiency, but when the lodge is opened on other than the M.M. degree, can proficiency be voted in that degree without raising to the M.M. degree to vote on his proficiency? It is the Master's desire to open the lodge on the degree requiring the work without so much calling up and down in order to transact the business at hand at that particular moment. Is there any way to put teeth in the requirement to pass proficiency in the work of the M.M. degree?

Answer—The matter of passing on the proficiency of a candidate is covered in Section 565 of the Code, the last portion reading as follows: "Which shall be determined by a majority vote in a Master Mason's lodge." Section 353, entitled Communications of a Lodge, also applies. A good rule to follow is to open on the highest degree necessary for the entire communication and, if any business is to be transacted, it should be the M.M. degree. As to the penalty for failure to pass proficiency in the M.M. degree, Section 563 is the law for requiring proficiency, while the only penalty is that mentioned in Section 371, namely, ineligibility to hold office. (Approved.)

May 17, 1948, I received a request from Rawlins No. 5 for a special dispensation to hold a special communication in two adjoining lodge rooms simultaneously for the purpose of conferring M.M. degree on ten or more candidates.

This is not permissible and I refer you to Section 365. (Approved.)

March 1, 1948, Omaha, Nebraska. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Carl R. Grierson, advised our Grand Secretary that the results of a Trial Commission in Nebraska regarding Porter Lodge No. 313 located at Dix, Nebraska, versus Ross Mewhirter of Gate City Lodge No. 32 of Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, who was tried, found guilty, and sentenced by the Trial Commission of Nebraska for the violation of a Nebraska law, namely, "engaging in the sale, as a beverage of intoxicating liquor, to wit, owning and operating a package liquor store." Sentence was "indefinite suspension in Gate City Lodge No. 32, A.F. & A.M., Jurisdiction of Wyoming."

Answer—Our Grand Secretary stated: "Our Grand Master, J. R. Mitchell, has gone over this matter very carefully. It is an unusual case, to say the least. Our Grand Master desires more information before instructing our Gate City Lodge as to the correct procedure to be followed. He is in agreement that one of our members, while residing in your jurisdiction, should not be permitted privileges not allowed your own members. He has no doubt but that the charges were preferred and the trial conducted in strict accordance with your Masonic laws. If such is the case, then he does not question your right to deprive this brother of all rights and privileges of Masonry in Nebraska. He is not clear as to the authority for the following paragraph here quoted from your letter: "It is, therefore, ordered and certified by the Trial Commission that the accused brother, Ross Mewhirter, be and is indefinitely suspended in Gate City Lodge No. 32, A.F. & A.M., Jurisdiction of Wyoming." It is always the desire of this Grand Lodge to co-operate with our sister Grand Lodges to the limit of our ability. However, we call attention to the fact that Brother Mewhirter has not violated the Masonic laws of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming in the act for which he has been tried and sentenced in Nebraska. Therefore, if our Grand Master were to order Gate City Lodge No. 32 to carry out the sentence imposed by your Trial Commission, it would place this Grand Lodge in a very awkward position, in view of the fact that numerous members of Wyoming lodges are engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We feel that our members should all be treated alike in Wyoming, though we ask no special privileges for them in another jurisdiction."

"When the point above mentioned is cleared up our Grand Master will give the matter further consideration." (See Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.)

March 5, Pathfinder Lodge No. 42 asked: "Is it possible to have a photostatic copy of our Charter made to hang on the wall of our lodge room so that we may put the original in a fire-proof safe?"

Answer—There is no authority for so doing. See Sections 363 and 665 of the Code. (Approved.)

May 7, Sheridan Lodge No. 8. "Brother James L. O'Marr was elected and received his E.A. degree August 22, 1946, and proved his proficiency January 31, 1947. In February he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He wished to finish his work there, so paid his fees in full. Now I have received his letter which indicates that Pennsylvania does not concur in doing courtesy work for other lodges. Is this correct? Our Worshipful Master wants your opinion before we comply with Sections 575, 576, and 577 of our Code."

Answer—The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania does not grant or request courtesy degree work at all. Section 495 of the Code governs. Your lodge may use his letter, above mentioned and herewith returned, as a request for a waiver of jurisdiction. The waiver, if granted, should be in favor of Robert R. Bringhurst Lodge No. 686, A.F. & A.M., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The granting of the waiver of jurisdiction should be in accordance with Section 577 of our Code and the fee paid for other than the E.A. degree should be returned to him. (Fee to be retained in your case is $25.00.) (See Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.)

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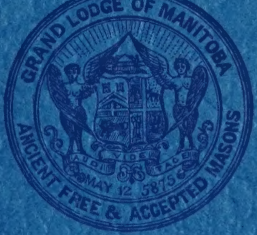
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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
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# of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

HELD IN THE BLUE ROOM OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE, WINNIPEG, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1950, at 2.30 p.m.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M. met in Communication, in the Blue Room of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Winnipeg, and was opened in ample Form by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry Coddington at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), Winnipeg	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), Portage la Prairie	Deputy Grand Master
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R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4) Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer
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A telegram was read from the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota as follows:

"Have just learned of the death of M.W. Brother Boyd, deeply regret his passing. Kindly accept deepest sympathy from us all."

MANITOBA FLOOD RELIEF FUND

M.W. Brother Harry Coddington, the Grand Master referred to the action of the Board of General Purposes in voting the sum of $10,000.00 as a contribution from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba (money taken out of the Special War Effort Fund) to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund and asked the approval of Grand Lodge to this action.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. G. R. MacKay and seconded by V.W. Bro. F. R. Sutton that this action be approved. Carried.

RE DATE OF ADJOURNMENT OF GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then introduced the question of the date to which Grand Lodge should be adjourned and it was moved by M.W. Bro W. C. McDonald and seconded by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt that Grand Lodge be adjourned until the first Wednesday in June 1951.

An Amendment was moved by R.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell, seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle that Grand Lodge be adjourned to sometime late in July or early in August, to be reconvened at the call of the M. W. Grand Master at a date in that period when Hotel accommodation could be arranged.

An Amendment to the amendment was then moved by R. W. Bro. A. S. McCann and seconded by V. W. Bro. J. W. Rousell that the adjourned meeting be held in October.

After considerable discussion the M. W. Grand Master put the amendment to the amendment first, which was lost.

The M. W. Grand Master then put the amendment to the Motion, which was carried and the amendment became the main motion.

The Communication of Grand Lodge was then adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

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THE ADJOURNED SESSIONS OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met in the Adjourned Sessions of the Annual Communication in the Fort Garry Hotel in the City of Winnipeg on Wednesday, August 9th, 1950, commencing at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT

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W. Bro. R. H. Francis.... W.M.
Bro. A. V. Olson....... S.W.

RICE LAKE LODGE No. 157:
V.W. Bro. F. R. Sutton

FENWICK LODGE No. 158:
W. Bro. W. A. Wyborn . W.M. M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Bro. R. A. Carruthers S.W. R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
W. Bro. F. H. Young

NEWDALE LODGE No. 159:
W. Bro. J. S. Reid ...... W.M. V.W. Bro. J. M. Sinclair

Honorary Members:
M.W. Bro. Sam. Harris
M.W. Bro. L. H. Colson
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton
M.W. Bro. Chas. M. Pollock
M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford
M.W. Bro. John Stormon
M.W. Bro. R. R. Twamley

Visitors:
M.W. Bro. C. S. Hamilton
M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald
M.W. Bro. Dr. F. Hedly Auld
M.W. Bro. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams
M.W. Bro. Keith M. Brown
M.W. Bro. Harold S. Pond

M.W. Bro. Albert Elmgreen
M.W. Bro. H. L. Walster
M.W. Bro. D. J. Sargent
R.W. Bro. E. F. Strain
R.W. Bro. O. E. Gould
W. Bro. Clinton M. Norton
R.W. Bro. J. Caudline
R.W. Bro. Gordon L. Paxman
Bro. F. D. Sutherland
Bro. Alex. Laing
Bro. John Mosborg
Bro. Donald S. Wood
Bro. Allen Henderson

All Master Masons desiring to enter Grand Lodge were then admitted and assigned to special seating accommodation provided for them in the Lodge Room.

The Session commenced with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Montgomery.

The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, welcomed the members of Grand Lodge, Visitors and Master Masons, expressing his appreciation and pleasure for the excellent attendance at the adjourned Session.

ADOPTING OF REGULATIONS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) and seconded by R.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) that the Agenda and Regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge, as printed, be adopted, subject to the wishes of the Grand Master. Carried.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington requested that all brethren entering or leaving the Lodge approach the Altar, give the required sign, and only between items of business.

Also, that all Motions be written on the forms provided for this purpose.

READING OF MINUTES

It was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) and seconded by W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24) that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication and those of the Special Communications of Grand Lodge as printed in the Proceedings be taken as read and confirmed. Carried.

The Acting Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) read the Minutes of the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge, and it was moved by W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24), and seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4) that they be adopted as read. Carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Acting Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), reported that the following nominations had been received for the Offices of Grand Lodge, and for the Board of General Purposes, which report was seconded by V.W. Bro. F. R. Sutton (157).

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Charles Edgar Cole, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Frederick Harold Blythe, King Edward Lodge No. 93.

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Gordon Alexander McMorran, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

Junior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Albert S. McCann, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
R.W. Bro. Charles A. Midwinter, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
R.W. Bro. George Patrick Fairbairn, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
R.W. Bro. Harry Haggart Gray, Tuscan Lodge No. 141.

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Secretary:
No Nomination.

Grand Chaplain:
W. Bro. Canon Frederick Hughes, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
V.W. Bro. John Paterson Mowat, Beaver Lodge No. 139.

Grand Librarian:
R.W. Bro. Dr. George Alexander Woodside, Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

Board of General Purposes:

Two Year Term:
R.W. Bro. Robert M.Muckle, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
R.W. Bro. James C. Grant, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
R.W. Bro. Kenneth R. Kennedy, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
R.W. Bro. Wilfred J. McGregor, Gladstone Lodge No. 11.
W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.
R.W. Bro. Gilbert H. Grant, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.
R.W. Bro. John C. Bate, Killarney Lodge No. 50.
R.W. Bro. John J. Bannerman, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
RW. Bro. Robert Peel, Miniota Lodge No. 102.
W. Bro. O. William Crowther, Empire Lodge No. 127.
R.W. Bro. James Wardrope, Empire Lodge No. 127.
R.W. Bro. David Griffith, Windsor Lodge No. 138.
R.W. Bro. Leslie C. Welsh, Beaver Lodge No. 139.

PETITIONS, APPEALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Acting Grand Secretary reported that there were no Petitions nor Appeals before him. He then read the following message from M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge in Annual Communication assembled:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

As your Grand Secretary may I ask your indulgence for a brief period to bring you a message which may be my last word to this Grand Lodge. I hasten to assure you Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren that my absence is not of my choosing and I deeply regret that I am not able to be with you.

It is my duty first, to express my sincere thanks for the honors and privileges which you have bestowed upon me from time to time since coming among you some twenty years ago. Throughout these years I have enjoyed your fellowship and have loved to work among you as an officer of Grand Lodge as well as in the constituent lodges in the Jurisdiction. It has also been a pleasure on numerous occasions to represent this Grand Lodge at the Annual Communications of Sister Grand Lodges in Canada and the United States. Many a time I have been weary in the discharge of my responsibilities but never yet have I been weary of performing the duties assigned to me. I must confess to you that I have felt myself to be an unprofitable servant, not because of a lack of interest or desire to give to my Grand Lodge my best service, but because the fates have decreed otherwise. Believe me, it brings no happiness to me in looking back to the First of April, 1949, when without warning I was stricken at my desk in the office. I need not detail the story from this date, suffice it to say that on December the 30th, 1949, while on a Christmas visit at the home of my Daughter I suffered a severe "coronary thrombosis" from which I am still suffering. I spent seven months at the home of my son-in-law, who is a doctor and my daughter who is a graduate nurse of the Winnipeg General Hospital. In this circumstance I was most fortunate.

After a time I had many visits from Grand Lodge Officers and other brethren. Many messages and tokens of good-will came to me from this Grand Lodge and Sister Grand Lodges, from constituent lodges and individuals bringing to me abundant evidence of the good-will and best wishes of a host of friends. I am deeply grateful for the interest taken in my welfare and I can assure my brethren that many a pain was more easily borne, many a long day shortened, and my bed made more comfortable. My doctors still give me encouragement by the assurance that time will show improvement. What the future holds for me I cannot say. My present state of health has been a source of disappointment and discouragement. I am missing the fellowship of my brethren and those of you who know me will appreciate what inactivity means to me. May I say again to you, my friends, that I thank you each and all for your great kindness to me during these long months.

Many years ago a good friend of mine paid me a visit. We spent two or three happy days together. In many respects our lives had one feature in common. Both of us were young and both of us were still undergraduates in the University of Hard Knocks. He has long since ended the journey of life but he has left many happy memories with me. As we chatted one day in my study, our conversation drifted to the poet Browning. Among other things my friend said this: "The foundations of Browning's philosophy of life were, the glory of the imperfect, the divinity of struggle, the supremacy of love, and the certainty of God. My friend was not at that time a member of a Masonic Lodge and I thought he had expressed in his own way the great principles of our noble Craft. Time does not permit me to amplify the statement made by my friend. It deserves some thought and understanding.

There is, unfortunately, a growing tendency in a number of our constituent lodges to forget the purposes for which we exist and to make every effort in making members instead of Freemasons. Let us not forget that we are builders. Too often our building efforts are focussed on the building of statistics. We must build a Temple in our own lives and at the same time build a cathedral in which our fellow-man may find his place. We accept the tenets and principles of Freemasonry. We make allegiance to these principles, our way of life; and in the building of our own life's temple we demonstrate to our Community and to our generation the worthwhileness of our way of life and thereby contribute to the building of the cathedral of friendship, in which all men and nations will find their peace and satisfaction.

Is not such a cathedral just what our troubled world needs? If this is true, then may the Great Architect of the Universe crown every honest endeavor to this end.

Again let me say "thank you" in all sincerity for all the kindness you have shown me and for all that it has meant to me in difficult and lonely days, as well as the co-operation given on all occasions. My beloved brethren, to one and all, "Au Revoir."

Fraternally yours,

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

Regrets for absence were presented on behalf of the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. Harry H. Margolin, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

R.W. Bro. John H. Anderson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, P.G.M., Executive Secretary, The Masonic Service Association.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

On behalf of the Board of General Purposes I beg to submit herewith the following summary of the business transacted by the Board since the last Communication of Grand Lodge.

MEETING OF JUNE 2nd, 1949

29 Members Present

The inaugural meeting of the Board was held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge. By virtue of office, R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole was elected President of the Board and R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Vice-President.

The following Committee was appointed to strike Standing Committees:

M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
M.W. Bro. N. J. Black
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly

MEETING OF JUNE 29th, 1949

25 Members Present

The President presided. The Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees presented its report which was gone over and several changes made in respect to Chairmen of some of the Committees. With these few changes it was moved by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes, and adopted.

With regard to previous correspondence in connection with the membership by Affiliation of Rev. V. J. Eylands and by reason of information furnished to the Board it was regularly moved and seconded that in order to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion, the M.W. Grand Master appoint a Committee of three to enquire into the situation and report back.

In respect to mortgage loans as affecting the property at 299 Waverley Street, the Board approved of the action of the Acting Grand Secretary in notifying the purchaser of new terms regarding the said mortgage. At this meeting of the Board, the Grand Lodge was in receipt of a communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland advising them of a visit from their P.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. J. S. M. Grieve, J.P. who was coming to Canada the early part of August, and the Board instructed the Grand Secretary to give necessary attention to the matter at the time of the said Brother's visit.

A comunication was brought up, from Santa Barbara, California with respect to the late Ernest Williams, a suspended member of Ionic Lodge No. 25 a request being made by the family for re-instatement in order that a grand daughter might join Job's Daughters, but as our Constitution does not provide for any such action, none was taken.

The Acting Grand Secretary reported that all matters pertaining to the publication of the Grand Lodge Proceedings were in hand. He also reported that M.W. Bro. Burritt wished to be relieved of the Chairmanship of the 75th Anniversary Committee, owing to pressure of other duties. It was decided to add the names of R.W. Bro. Harry Gray and V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat to the Committee, which Committee was to meet and arrange for the appointment of their Chairman.

The Board authorized the Acting Grand Secretary, should occasion arise, to engage any necessary help in the Grand Secretary's Office during vacation period. R.W. Bro. McCann, reported on the condition of M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey stating that while he was not fully recovered, his condition was such that he could return to the office on a part-time basis but under no circumstances must the Grand Secretary be permitted to do any travelling until further advised by his physician. R.W. Bro. Emmett reported on the condition of M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson stating that his condition was such that his passing may be expected at any time. (Passed away July 1st.)

On recommendation of the Acting Grand Secretary, the Board authorized purchase of a suitable typewriter desk for the General Office.

Advice having been received from M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, General Secretary of the Banff Conference, outlining the programme and dates on which the Conference was to be held, the Board approved of the following delegates:—the M.W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary. As alternates, the Grand Master appoint a substitute.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16th, 1949

38 Members Present

The President presided. The Board received and considered a communication from Bro. George Lardner raising a question regarding the "Work". The Board referred the matter to the Board of Custodians. The Board approved of expenses incurred by Bro. T. L. Bishop, McCreary Lodge No. 133 in connection with the Trial in the case of Thomas Frank Kelly.

The Board concurred in the suggestion of Bro. J. F. Irwin that reports of Official Visits made by the District Deputies to the various lodges in their Districts should be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than April 1st.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry gave a review of the meeting held with the District Deputies on the afternoon of September 16th, stating that the meeting had well been worth while and much information imparted to the District Deputies. M.W. Bro. Burritt, Chairman of the Investment Committee reported on behalf of the Committee that $19.500 Dominion of Canada Bonds ($7,700 from the Beneficiary Fund and $11,800 from the Benevolent Endowment Fund), being of an early maturity had been sold and the Committee had purchased $20.000 of C.N.R. 2⅞ guaranteed by the Dominion Government as to Principle and Interest. The Board approved the action of the Investment Committee. M.W. Bro. Burritt also reported that $4,000 of the same type C.N.R. Bonds were purchased from funds of the Benevolent Endowment Fund at 99.625. The Board approved this action also, M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly presented a final report with respect to the Food Parcel Campaign, a detailed statement of which had been sent out to the Lodges and that the balance left, of $3.76 had been transferred to the Beneficiary Fund.

The Committee appointed to review the situation with regard to Rev. V. J. Eylands gave a report through M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly. The said Committee having examined the credentials and from personal interviews, found Rev. Eylands worthy to petition any Lodge within the Jurisdiction for Affiliation. The Board approved this report. M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington reported on the Banff Conference and recommended the usual $25.00 be sent to cover the cost of 125 copies of the Proceedings of the Conference for distribution to the constituent Lodges in Manitoba.

V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat and M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly reported on plans in respect to the 75th Anniversary. A letter having been received from Swan Lake Lodge No. 109 regarding the purchase of a new building for Lodge purposes, the Grand Secretary was requested to defer any action in this matter until a recommendation was received from the District Deputy after he had completed an inspection of the premises and to attend to other matters pertaining to the acquisition of the new building and transfer of the lot.

The Board approved of the action of Vermillion Lodge No. 68 and granted them permission to borrow $5,000 for the completion of their new building, as outlined in resolutions of the Lodge under the captions, By-Laws Nos. 3 and 4. The M.W. Grand Master announced to the Board that he had appointed R.W. Bro. G. A. Woodside as Grand Librarian to fill the vacancy left by the lamented death of M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson. The Grand Master also expressed his appreciation to M.W. Bro. N. J. Black for his ready assistance in taking care of the Library for the month of September. R.W. Bro. Woodside to take over duties according to Section 86 of the Constitution, on and after the 1st day of October, and the Board approved the rumuneration to Dr. Woodside of the usual honorarium of $100.00 per month, to be paid by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary reported that in accordance with the authority given by the Board, he had secured 500 additional copies of the Standard By-Laws.

The Grand Secretary, having returned to his duties, the Board expressed its gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for His care of M.W. Bro. Pilkey, and trusted he would enjoy continued good health. Deep regret was expressed on behalf of the Board, in the loss of our late beloved M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson and letters of condolence were to be sent to the family.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18th, 1949

40 Members Present

The President presided. It was with profound sorrow and a sense of loneliness that the Board recorded the passing of Mrs. Harry Coddington, beloved wife of our Grand Master, who passed away so suddenly on the night of November 1st. Also, in the passing of our oldest Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, on November 12th, and in the death of Mrs. Anderson, wife of R.W. Bro. Rev. J. W. Anderson of Stony Mountain. A period of silence was observed by the Board and letters were requested to be sent to the bereaved families, conveying the deep sympathy and regret of all the members of the Board.

The Committee on Research and Education reported that they had completed a Panel of Masonic Speakers who would be available to address any Lodge on due invitation and the Lodges to be notified acordingly. The Board approved of the recommendation of the said Committee, and authorized the Finance Committee, to set aside the sum of $200.00 to cover the travelling expenses of said speakers. The Board also accepted the recommendation of this Committee to reimburse the '44 Club to the amount of $48.00 covering expenses of a trip to Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156. It was reported that the Grand Librarian had completed a survey of the contents of the Library and reported that some 1500 non-Masonic books were taking up space greatly needed for Masonic books and papers. The Board approved of the recommendation of the Committee on Research and Education and authorized them to dispose of such books as might be unsuited for the Masonic Library. The Board was pleased to hear that our Paper, "Masonry in Manitoba" was being so favorably received, not only in this Juridisdiction but in far off places in the world. It was quoted in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and likewise in the Proceedings of the Conference at Banff.

The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonary reported that they had one meeting at which all the District Deputies were present except R.W. Bros. Campbell and Jones. At this meeting all District Deputies reported harmony in their respective Districts and gave satisfactory reports on the lodges visited. The Chairman of the Finance Committee, R.W. Bro. McCann reported that the finances of Grand Lodge were in a healthy condition. The Board approved of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to set aside a sum of $500.00 to cover the expenses incurred to complete the work regarding the new membership index card system in the Grand Secretary's Office. On recommendation of the same Committee, the Board requested the Committee on Constitution and Revision to draft an amendment covering a plan of Schedule Position Fidelity Bond covering the office of Secretary of the constituent lodges in Manitoba and also referred the plan back to the Finance Committee to determine the amount of the respective bonds and report back to the Board.

M.W. Bro. Coddington reported to the Board that a meeting of the Board of Custodians had been held and three matters coming before the Board had been dealt with, namely: (a) Amendment to the lecture in the Entered Apprentice Degree; (b) Return of the sign by the Master of the Lodge; (c) the furnishing of a copy of "The Work" for the Inner Guard. These recommendations were approved by the Board.

V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat, Chairman of the Committee on the 75th Anniversary reported progress, the various sub-Committees having been formed and under the chairmanship of the following brethren: Sunday Service . . . M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly; Production . . R.W. Bro. H. H. Gray; Publicity . . . Bro. D. R. P. Coates.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Resolution passed by Vermillion Lodge No. 68 in respect to the borrowing of $5.000 would not be considered as such by the Land Titles Office, but if the term "By-Law" was used they would be prepared to register the property. The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary having prepared the necessary amendments to the By-Laws, they were duly executed and the transaction respecting the property of Vermillion Lodge No. 68 at Dauphin was completed. The Board gave a ruling in the matter of territorial jurisdiction as affecting Mr. Henry Wiebe, permitting him to petition East Star Lodge No. 55 for membership.

Morden Lodge No. 13 having submitted a report in the case of Adolph Dack the said Mr. Dack having been found guilty of unmasonic conduct, the Board approved that a Commission be set up to conduct the necessary Masonic Trial. The attention of the Board was called to a newspaper clipping under the heading "Chinese to form Masonic group here" and the Board requested the Grand Secretary to call the attention of the Provincial Secretary to this item and see that the term "Masonic" was not made use of, in accordance with the Act incorporating the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The Board approved of the following Committee to arrange for the canvas for funds from members of the Craft for the erection of a Memorial Window in St. Matthew's Church in memory of our late beloved M.W. Bro. Harry Woods.

MEETING OF JANUARY 20th, 1950

39 Members Present

The President presided. R.W. Bro. Kennedy, Chairman of the Committee on Jurispudence and Appeals reported that all arangements were completed for the meeting of the Trial Commission of Adolph Dack of Morden. R.W. Bro. Blythe Chairman of the Committee on Research and Education reported that a most favorable response had been received for Panel Speakers. This Committee also informed the Board that they were preparing an amendment to the Constitution in connection with the office of Grand Librarian and that such amendment would be duly submited to the Committee on Constitution and Revision. R.W. Bro. McCann, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported re the bonding of secretaries of constituent lodges after which it was duly moved and seconded that a report as submitted be forwarded to the Committee on Constitution and Revision for the necessary preparation as an amendment to the Constitution. He also reported that the finances in respect to the General Fund were in a healthy condition. Further to the matter of a Chinese Masonic Body starting up, a communication was read from the Provincial Secretary wherein he advised that he would see that there was no infringement on the rights and perogative of the Grand Lodge as to the use of the term "Masonic" by any other organization seeking this right. The Board authorized the Acting Grand Secretary to sign all Grand Lodge Certificates requiring signature. The Acting Grand Secretary having reported that only a small supply of copies of "The Work" were now on hand, the Board authorized M.W. Bro. Coddington, Acting Grand Secretary to obtain prices and report back to the Board.

Owing to the situation prevailing in the Grand Secretary's Office, the Grand Master was requested to arrange to carry on the duties of the Grand Secretary in an advisory capacity and also advised him to engage if necessary, a part-time stenographer. This arrangement to continue until after the Grand Lodge Communication. The Committee on the 75th Anniversary reported progress in the Service of Rededication and the concert to be held on the Tuesday evening preceding Grand Lodge. The Grand Master brought the attention of the Board to the situation in the Grand Secretary's Office, owing to the illness of the

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P.T. Pilkey, and further, in the light of past difficulties that have arisen at such times as these, it was strenuously recommended that the Board take some action in the matter of amending the Constitution, whereby a re-organization of the office of Grand Secretary might be brought about. After a full discussion of the matter, the Board approved of the following resolution:

"RESOLVED that in the opinion of the Board of General Purposes, a re-organization of the Office of Grand Secretary is essential:

AND FURTHER that in pursuance of this procedure, authority should be granted to the Board to appoint an Executive Secretary to take charge of the office work and to conduct all the business in connection therewith.

AND FURTHER that the Committee on Constitution and Revision and other members of the Grand Lodge appointed by the M.W. Grand Master be instructed to prepare the necessary amendment to the Constitution and report back to the Board at the next regular meeting."

The personnel of the members chosen by the Grand Master to augment the above mentioned Committee were as follows: M.W Brothers, Ben. C. Parker, M. S. Donovan, W. C. McDonald and S. H. Fahrni.

The Acting Grand Secretary was requested to communicate with M.W. Bro. Pilkey expressing to him the very sincere regrets of the Board at his absence from the meeting and the sincere hope that the rest he is now taking will bring about a complete recovery from his ailment. Also the Grand Master was advised to send a personal letter to M.W. Bro. Pilkey advising him that the Board unanimously agreed to grant him an indefinite leave of absence and to further advise that his salary would continue as a present.

A petition having been received for the formation of a new lodge at Starbuck, signed by 18 petitioners and with the necessary credentials the said new lodge to be called Starbuck Lodge and the petition having been accompanied by the fee of $25.00 and the said petition being in order in every respect, the Board recommended to the Grand Master that a Dispensation be issued for the formation of this new Lodge.

MEETING OF MARCH 17th, 1950
31 Members Present

The president presided. The Board considered a communication from the Past Master's Association outlining the Association's proposed activities in the matter of additional instruction and coaching to newly-accepted candidates. After due consideration it was regularly moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Research and Education for their report and recommendation.

The Board also reveiwed the question of a speaker for the Grand Lodge Communication but rejected the proposal that the three Western Grand Jurisdictions bring M.W. Bro. Dr. Melvine M. Johnson, the Sovereign Grand Commander from the Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. It was also noted that the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was not in favor either, of incurring the expense necessary to bring M.W. Bro. Johnson to Canada.

The Board received a communication from Grand Secretary R. V. Harris of Nova Scotia, wherein he furnished information he had received from the United Grand Lodge of England outlining the solution in respect to payment of dues by members of the Canadian Craft now residing in Britain and the Board decided that to give the matter necessary publicity it be referred to the Editor of "Masonry in Manitoba" for insertion in one issue of that publication. The Board also approved of the following delegates to attend the Banff Conference in September next: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and if alternates were required, the matter to be left in the hands of the Grand Master.

The Committee on Research and Education under the Chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Blythe reported progress in respect to the various activities of that Committee, particularly emphasizing the fact that 16 requests had been received for Panel Speakers, and that all requests had been taken care of promptly. The Committee further pointed out that if the present enthusiasm continued, it would be necessary to appoint a sub-Committee to take care of this particular phase of their work. They also reported that the Area Meetings were in hand and the meetings arranged.

The Acting Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, called attention to the matter of the District Deputies sending in their reports of their year's activities at an early date in order that the necessary summary of these reports may be drawn up in time for presentation at the next meeting of the Board and subsequently to Grand Lodge.

R.W. Bro. McCann, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported on the activities of his Committee and reported that the finances of Grand Lodge were in a healthy condition. The Committee also asked for and received authorization from the

Board to purchase 1000 copies of "The Work" with black leather covers in acordance with the tender received from Bulman Bros. Ltd.

A report was received from the Committee on Benevolence that all matters pertaining to benevolence were well in hand and that the Committee would meet in May to review all renewal applications and any new applications which might come to hand.

M.W. Bro. Coddington, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Investments reported that all coupons had been clipped from the bonds held by Grand Lodge and details completed for use by the Auditor for the fiscal year-end, March 31st. V.W. Bro. Mowat, Chairman of the Committee on the 75th Anniversary presented a detailed report of the programmes for both the Rededication Service on the Sunday and the Variety Show on the Tuesday.

The Commission appointed to try the case of Adolph Dack of Morden made their report and recommendations in respect to his trial, which was considered by the Board and duly accepted. The Acting Grand Secretary to notify Morden Lodge No. 13 of the decision of the Board in this case. The Acting Grand Secretary gave the Board members a review of the situation in the Grand Secretary's Office, pointing out that the work was up-to-date.

The Committee on Constitution and Revision submitted a report pointing out that the Committee had held two meetings and had also consulted with members of the Special Committee, and it was the unanimous opinion that the amendments as submitted would take care of the situation in respect to the Grand Secretary's office. The amendments to the Constitution were taken up clause by clause and received the approval of the Board, the same to be submitted to Grand Lodge for ratification.

The Board considered the petition for the formation of a new Lodge at Churchill said petition being found in order in every respect, in accordance with the Constitution, the Board recommended that the M.W. Grand Master grant Dispensation for the formation of this new Lodge in the Town of Churchill said Lodge to be known as "Fort Prince of Wales Lodge".

MEETING OF MAY 5th, 1950

30 Members Present

The President presided. The Board considered the report submitted by the Committee on Research and Education giving the proposed activities of the Past Masters' Association, and the arrangements as outlined were agreed to. The 75th Anniversary Committee reported that progress was being made with respect to all arrangements. The Board also approved of a recommendation to set aside an additional $1,500.00 for the use of this Committee bringing the total monies at their disposal to $2,500.00 The Board heard with interest and sympathy a letter from R.W. Bro. G. J. Long giving them a report of the flood situation as affecting Emerson and, also a letter from Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 advising the Grand Lodge of the passing of W. Bro. H. J. Madill, one of their Life Members and who, at the time of the appeal re Food Parcels for Britain donated the sum of $1,000.00. Also, a communication from Grand Secretary R. V. Harris of Nova Scotia in connection with the formation of a Canadian Lodge of Research. It was the opinion of the Board that this was a matter that could be held over until a later date.

The Board received the reports of the following Committees; the same to be referred to Grand Lodge: Foreign Relations, Research and Education, Correspondence, Jurisprudence and Appeals, Condition of Freemasonry, Special War Effort and Constitution and Revision. The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported on the current condition of Grand Lodge Finances, showing a balance in the General Fund as at April 30th, of $11,731.06.

The Board considered a communication from the Secretary of Vermillion Lodge No. 68 laying a charge against Howard Peter Pollon for Unmasonic Conduct and requesting the Board to arrange for a Masonic Trial. In the opinion of the Board, the Charge laid against the said Brother warranted a trial and the following Commission was appointed: R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, Chairman, R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy and W. Bro. A. E. Boyle. The Acting Grand Secretary presented a Petition for the formation of a New Lodge in Norwood, and the said Petition having complied with all the regulations in accordance with the Constitution, and the necessary fee of $25.00 having been received, the Board approved of the said Petition and recommended to the M.W. Grand Master the granting of a Dispensation for the formation of a Lodge in Norwood, to be known as "Ashlar Lodge".

The Board also approved of the recommendation made by the Committee on Research and Education authorizing the sale of 500 copies of the publication "History of Freemasonry in Manitoba" by M.W. Bro. Douglas at the price of $1.00 per copy, the proceeds of the sale to be turned over to the Library Fund for the purchase of new books.

The Board received with sincere regret, the resignation of R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Senior Grand Warden, who tendered his resignation on account of ill health and on the advice of his physician. The Board accepted the resignation with reluctance but requested the Grand Master to appoint someone to the Office of Senior Grand Warden for the unexpired term.

The Board was also advised of a communication from the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, wherein he advised the President of the Board, that owing to ill health and on the advice of his physician, he requested that any nominations for his re-election to the Office of Grand Secretary be received with thanks and the nominator to be advised that he would be unable to accept any appointment.

In recognition of the services of R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, the Board approved of a motion recommending to Grand Lodge that R.W. Bro. Innes be made a Life Member of the Board of General Purposes.

The Board also approved of the recommendation made by the Acting Grand Secretary in respect to the matter of a bonus being paid to Margaret Anderson in the Grand Secretary's Office. The Board also gave approval to the action of Foxwarren Lodge No. 152 in requesting permission to change the location of their Lodge Hall in Foxwarren. The property which they occupied having been acquired by the United Church. Consideration was given to a letter from Stonewall Lodge No. 12 wherein they recommended a change in their territorial jurisdiction on account of the nature of the terrain in the area relative to the Fisher Branch and Manitouwapa Lodge District. In considering the matter, the Board agreed that the matter be put into the hands of the Acting Grand Secretary and R.W. Bro. John Norquay to work out the details and providing the proposal is acceptable to Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156, that an Open Waiver be granted for the present.

Owing to the illness of our beloved Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, arrangements had to be made for an Acting Grand Secretary. We believe M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington has a very unique distinction—that of being his own Grand Secretary. Your Board feels it owes a deep debt of gratitude to our Grand Master for his prompt assistance in a time of need and his continued and valuable services as Acting Grand Secretary; in all. during the year under review, he served for six months.

To M.W. Bro. Pilkey, the Board extends its sincere sympathy, and regret that his health will no longer allow him to serve in his own distinguished way as our Grand Secretary, and the hope that the future will bring him better health and allow him that opportunity to serve the Craft which is his predominant desire.

Board meetings are well attended, the average for seven meetings being 33. Attendance from outside the Greater Winnipeg Area was quite gratifying, especially the attendance of District Deputy Grand Masters. It usually takes two hours or more to attend to the Agenda, and careful and full consideration is given to all business.

MEETING OF JUNE 7th, 1950

27 Members Present

This was a meeting of the Board held prior to the Token Meeting of Grand Lodge. Deep regret was expressed in the passing of our beloved M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd, and a period of silence was observed in his memory. Regret was also expressed at the knowledge that the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes was seriously ill and in the Hospital once again. (Passed away July 1st.)

M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker, who had been out to Hamiota, gave the Board a report on the condition of the Grand Secretary, M.W Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Coddington was authorized to choose the delegates to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario). At this meeting there was appointed a Committee to look into the matter of engaging a male clerk in the Grand Secretary's Office. The Reports of the various Committees were taken up at this meeting, which Reports will be printed in the Proceedings.

MEETING OF JUNE 16th, 1950

24 Members Present

At this meeting the dates of August 9th and 10th were decided upon as being appropriate for the holding of the Adjourned Meeting of Grand Lodge. The matter of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations was taken up in full and it was decided that a Variety Show which was to have been held the evening before the Opening of Grand Lodge would be cancelled, and the Sunday Service of Rededication to be held in the Civic Auditorium has been postponed until Sunday, October 29th, 1950.

An interim report on the Masonic Flood Relief Fund was presented by the M.W. Grand Master, and a Committee was appointed to administer the funds collected.

A petition having been received for the formation of a new lodge at Charleswood, signed by 26 petitioners and with the necessary credentials the said new lodge to be called "Charleswood Lodge" and the petition having been accompanied by the fee of $25.00 and the said petition being in order in every respect, the Board recommended to the Grand Master that a Dispensation be issued for the formation of this new lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. E. COLE,
President.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27). Carried.

REPORT OF THE ACTING GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethern of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethern:

I beg to submit herewith the Seventy-fifth Annual report of the Grand Secretary for the year ending March 31st, 1950.

The Proceedings of the Annual Communication held June 1st and 2nd, 1949, were prepared in record time and distributed to each of the constituent lodges in the Jurisdiction, to all Officers of Grand Lodge, the Members of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Secretaries and Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions with whom we have fraternal relationship. It is of interest to note that many members of the Craft applied for and received copies from the office, indicating the interest many of our members are taking in the activities of our Grand Lodge.

Regulations pertaining to the issuance of Warning Circulars have been carefully adhered to and they have been forwarded to all the constituent lodges and other Masonic Bodies.

All Certificates for Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Master Mason, Life and Honorary Members have been prepared and forwarded to the respective members.

I am pleased to report that the constituent lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction responded with despatch to my appeal for promptness on their part in submitting their half-yearly returns for the calendar year 1949, and I wish to express my thanks to them for their co-operation. Their actions did to a great extent lighten the work in the Grand Secretary's Office. A marked improvement is noticed in both the manner in which the reports are submitted and the accuracy of same. A further improvement in this regard is possible by the continued co-operation of lodge secretaries. We wish them to feel free to confer with the Grand Secretary on all matters giving them concern, with a view to correcting any misunderstanding and thereby bring about a condition which will react to the benefit of their respective lodges and Grand Lodge.

The Returns, Form 42 show a gross increase in membership of 998 and a net gain of 495 as compared with 529 for 1948. Details and analysis of the Reports are as follows:

Membership as at December 31st, 1948 13,054

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
Additions:					
Initiations	699	901	874	781	791
Re-Instated	88	74	53	71	51
Affiliations	99	170	259	161	156
Totals	866	1145	1186	1013	998
Adjustments					7
Removals:					
By Demit	140	181	183	168	172
Suspension, N.P.D.	50	27	48	67	75
Suspension, U.M.C.	0	1	0	1	0
By Death	184	188	228	248	263
	374	397	459	484	510
Net Increase	512	748	727	529	495

Membership as at December 31st, 1949 13,549

The following table shows the Degrees conferred in the various Lodges for the past five years:

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
Entered Apprentice	699	901	874	781	791
Fellow Craft	639	940	843	761	774
Master Mason	627	869	841	753	774
	1965	2710	2558	2295	2339

An analysis of the reports shows the following facts:

Suspension, N.P.D.

69 Lodges have no Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues (70 in 1948).

37 Lodges show 75 Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues (70 in 1948).

Suspensions, U.M.C.

None in 1949, One in 1948.

Membership:

76 Lodges show an increase in Membership as compared with 78 in 1948.

22 Lodges show a decrease in Membership as compared with 20 in 1948.

8 Lodges show Membership as unchanged as compared with 8 in 1948.

7 Lodges had no Initiations as compared with 9 in 1948.

5 Lodges conferred no degrees at all as compared with 4 in 1948.

Further details may be gathered from the Statistical Table which will appear in the printed Proceedings of this Communication.

Dispensations issued from May 25th, 1949 to May 15th, 1950:

	1949	1948
To hold Joint Installation	13	15
To hold Divine Service in Regalia	33	33
To change Lodge Premises	1	5
To change Place of Meeting	6	4
Special Election and Installation of Officers	8	13
To receive new Petitions	0	2
To confer Degrees after receiving Waivers	9	30
To hold District Meetings	13	11
For Modified Examination	1	3
Special Funeral Service	1	1
Conferring Degrees within Prescribed Time	3	3
Courtesy Degrees between City Lodges	0	1
	88	121

Amendments to By-Laws:

1. Regular Meetings	Lodges 48, 67, 82, 87, 109, 117. 134, 145
2. Election of Officers	Lodge 87
3. Installation of Officers	Lodge 51
4. Annual Dues	Lodges 19, 48, 75, 87, 111, 113, 115, 131, 138
5. Fees	Lodge 48
6. Life Membership	Lodges 48 and 153

7. Re Grand Lodge Benevolent Endowment Fund Lodge 154
8. Complete Revision ..... Lodges 2, 25, 39, 44, 84, 131, 152
9. Committee of General Purposes .... Lodge 145
10. Business of Lodge .... Lodge 137

We deeply regret the passing of 263 brethern whose names are recorded elsewhere in the Proceedings. Among those listed is the name of M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, who passed away July 1st, 1949 after a lingering illness.

The absence from duty through illness of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey is regretted by all, his jovial manner and his desire to assist, particularly Lodge Secretaries have been noticeably missed.

As Acting Grand Secretary together with my other responsibilities, I have endeavored to the best of my ability to maintain the record of M.W. Bro. Dr. Pilkey with regard to the office routine, but this has only been possible through the assistance given me by the Grand Lodge Officers and particularly the members of the Office Staff.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Grand Secretary.

H. CODDINGTON,
Acting Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Acting Grand Secretary was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), who moved that it be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. S. Montgomery (2). Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Grand Treasurer, presents the following Statements covering transactions for the year ending March 31st, 1950.

GENERAL FUND:
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND:
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.

BENEFICIARY FUND:
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "3"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.
Exhibit "G"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

All accounts have been audited and found correct by the Grand Lodge Auditors, whose Certificate is appended hereto.

In presenting the 75th Annual Report on the Finances of Grand Lodge, it is a pleasure to record that all Funds are in a healthy condition. Details will be found in the Auditors' Report. The property in which Grand Lodge has an insurable interest is covered by insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. PERCY WHITE,
Grand Treasurer.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), who moved that it be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93). Carried.

April 28th, 1950.

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and
Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In accordance with your instructions we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1950, and now present the undernoted Financial Statements.

General Fund:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:

Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.

Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "3"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.

Exhibit "G"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Cash in Bank:

The balances in Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected and found in order.

We would like to take this opportunity to state that we found the records in excellent order.

Yours truly,

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
As at March 31st. 1950.

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$13,097.80	
Cash on Hand	64.50	
Cash on Hand (Petty)	35.15	
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	247.55	
		$13,445.00
Inventories:		
Supplies and Stock (Valued at)		1.00
Investment:		
Dominion of Canada Bonds 1966—3% (Par Value $10,000.00)		10,500.00
Equipment:		
Furniture & Fixtures Regalia Library & Fixtures Valued at		1.00
		$23,947.00

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	$23.947.00

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1950 and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1950.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 28th, 1950.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended March 31st, 1950.

INCOME

Dues	$18,989.00
Initiations	1,604.00
M.M. Certificates	1,584.00
P.M. Certificates	83.50
L.M. Certificates	114,00
Dispensations	204.00
Bond Interest	300.00
Supplies Sold	862.73
Total Income	$23,741.23

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	$8,054.00	
Rent	1,224.00	
Postage & Excise	416.06	
Stationery & Office Supplies	268.72	
Expense Grand Master	445.55	
Expense Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers	396.70	
Area Meetings	812.85	
M.M. Certificates	105.84	
Proceedings and Other Printing	1,546.49	
Board Members Expense	704.05	
Library Maintenance	1,031.93	
Insurance	60.05	
Masonry in Manitoba (Paper)	1,603.10	
Furniture and Fixtures	584.69	
Regalia	211.50	
Bissett Trip	97.35	
Banff Conference	334.55	
75th Anniversary	80.43	
Masonic Research & Education	7.00	
Unemployment Insurance	54.78	
Exchange	32.59	
Miscellaneous (Schedule "2")	2,077.48	
Total Expenditure		20,149.71
Net Income for Year		$ 3,591.52
Surplus as at March 31st, 1949	$20,225.63	
Add:		
All Canadian Conference (Refund)	129.85	
		20,355.48
Surplus as at March 31st, 1950		$23,947.00

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1950.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Cr.
2.	Lisgar	$ 23.55	
19.	Brandon	2.00	
27.	Glenwood	2.00	
29.	Carberry	1.00	
30.	Manitou	19.30	
39.	Birtle	14.35	
40.	Deloraine	7.80	
50.	Killarney	10.65	
51.	Treherne	4.00	
63.	Holland	12.55	
67.	Wawanesa	5.20	
68.	Vermillion	8.75	
70.	Shiloh	1.65	
75.	Gothic	16.95	
87.	Rathwell		2.00
90.	Midlothian		1.60
92.	Shoal Lake	4.75	
100.	Robbie Burns	11.75	
103.	Crescent		3.20
107.	Lansdowne	8.45	
116.	St. Andrew's	3.40	
126.	Favel	7.05	
133.	McCreary	3.45	
136.	Capitol	18.75	
144.	Fort Osborne	12.00	
146.	Fidelity	27.45	
147.	Jubilee	13.15	
151.	The Dormer	10.25	
154.	Pine Falls	6.15	
157.	Rice Lake		2.40
159.	Newdale		.40
	Starbuck	80	
		$257.15	**$9.60**
		9.60	
		$247.55	

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE GENERAL FUND

For the year ended March 31st. 1950.

Particulars	Amount
Grand Lodge Communication	$1,070.26
Audit	300.00
Telephone & Telegraph	145.42
Flowers	130.75
Christmas Expense	96.16
Memorials	40.50
Masonic Relief Association	66.86
Safety Deposit Box	25.00
Typewriter Inspection etc.	27.00
Miscellaneous	175.53
	$2,077.48

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st. 1950.

ASSETS

	Par Value			
Current:				
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce				$ 2,097.41
Investments:				
Mortgage Loan			$ 5,725.00	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 54,000.00	$ 53,876.25		
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00	11,000.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	160,200.00	161,166.25		
Canadian National Railway Bonds	35,000.00	35,098.75		
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	1,000.00	1,000.00		
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00		
			296,921.25	
				302,646.25
				$304,743.66

LIABILITIES

$304,743.66

Surplus (Per Exhibit "D")	$304,743.66

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F.&A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1950. and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1950.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 28th, 1950.

Exhibit "D"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

For the year ended March 31st, 1950.

INCOME

Donations		$ 2,372.41
Life Member Fees		570.00
Profit on Sale Dominion of Canada Bonds 1954-57		317.70
		$ 3,260.11

EXPENDITURE

Exchange	$ 6.30	
Registration of Bonds	12.48	18.78
Excess of Income over Expenditure		$ 3.241.33
Surplus as at March 31st, 1949		301,502.33
Surplus as at March 31st, 1950		$304,743.66

Exhibit "E"

BALANCE SHEET
BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31st. 1950.

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce:			
Savings Account		$10,761.01	
Current Account		697.85	
			$11,458.86
Investments	**Par Value**		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	$39,900.00	$39,900.00	
Province of Manitoba	10,000.00	10,125.00	
Canadian National Railway	7,000.00	6,973.75	
			56,998.75
			$68,457.61

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "F")	$68,457.61

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1950 and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation..

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1950.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 28th, 1950.

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BENEFICIARY FUND

For year ended March 31st, 1950.

INCOME

Interest Bonds—Debentures	$12,057.75
Interest Mortgage	268.86
Interest War Savings Bonds	120.00
Interest Bank	29.97
Profit on Sale of Bonds	188.55
	$12,665.13

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "3")		10,176.44
Excess of Income over Expenditure		$ 2,488.69
Surplus as at March 31st, 1949	$65,965.16	
Add:		
Balance Transferred from Food Parcels Bank Account	3.76	65.968.92
Surplus as at March 31st, 1950		$68,457.61

Schedule "3"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND PAYMENTS

For the year ended March 31st, 1950.

No.	Name of Lodge	On Account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert's	Mrs. W. N. L.	$ 245.00
1.	Prince Rupert's	Mrs. N. T.	365.00
1.	Prince Rupert's	Mrs. E. L. S.	183.27
2.	Lisgar	Mrs. F. J.	125.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. M. M.	185.15
3.	Ancient Landmark	F. M. M.	305.15
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. M. G. O.	245.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. F. J. B.	125.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. J. W.	120.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	63.27
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E.M.Q.	125.00
14.	Prince of Wales	H. K.	125.15
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. R. A. T.	185.15
24.	Neepawa	T. T.	305.15
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. R. A.	185.15
40.	Deloraine	T. L.	485.15
43.	Lebanon	Mrs. M. J. Y.	305.30
44.	Oak Lake	Rev. W. B.	80.00
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. C. P. T.	201.45
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	65.15
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. H. B.	245.15
70.	Shiloh	Mrs. H. Mc.	60.00
74.	Elkhorn	Mrs. N. Y.	305.15
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	125.00
86.	Elgin	W. G. S.	185.15
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	125.15
90.	Midlothian	Mrs.M. M. W.	245.15
93.	King Edward	H. M. J.	100.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. L. L. D.	305.00
93.	King Edward	Miss M. A.	365.00
94.	Hiram	F. H. Mc.	365.15
100.	Robbie Burns	W. E. J. B.	245.00
103.	Crescent	Mrs. M. G.	185.30
104.	Reston	G. J. W.	185.15
111.	Acacia	R. G.	365.00
113.	Tweed	Mrs. D. E. E.	125.15
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. Mc.	125.00
123.	Transcona	Mrs. J. J.	15.00
129.	—	A. B. A.	130.15
131.	Kildonan	T. H. B.	280.00
134.	Stony Mountain	Mrs. M. A. P.	330.15
137.	Lord Selkirk	Mrs. I. R.	245.00
138.	Windsor	Mrs. M. E. B.	40.00
139.	Beaver	Mrs. C. S.	170.00
140.	Meridian	C. S.	365.00
148.	Seven Oaks	Mrs. E. W.	245.00
151.	The Dormer	Mrs. H. S.	120.00
153.	Flin Flon	Mrs. B. H.	365.15
			$10,176.44

Exhibit "G"

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31st. 1950.

ASSETS

	Par Value		
Current:			
Cash in Banks		$26,654.07	
Cash on Hand		99.65	
Accounts Receivable		247.55	
			$ 27,001.27
Inventory Supplies and Stock Valued at			1.00
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures, Regalia, Library and Fixtures Valued at			1.00
Investments			
Mortgage Loan		$ 5,725.00	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 64,000.00	64,001,25	
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	1,000.00	1,000.00	
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00	
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.000	11,000.00	
Dominion of Canada Bonds	210,100.00	211,566.25	
Canadian National Railway Bonds	42,000.00	42,072.50	
			370,145.00
			$397,148.27

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$397,148.27
	$397,148.27

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1950 and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1950.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 28th, 1950.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended March 31st, 1950.

"FOOD PARCELS".

Cash in Bank April 1st, 1949		$6,592.56
Receipts from Lodges		60.00
		$6,652.56
Disbursements:		
T. Eaton Company	$4,348.80	
Hudson's Bay Company	2,300.00	
Transferred to Beneficiary Fund	3.76	
		$6,652.56

MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), seconded by V.W. Bro. F. R. Sutton (157) that the Masonic Districts as at present constituted, remain unchanged for the ensuing year and that the following three lodges remain under the supervision of the M.W. the Grand Master—The Pas Lodge No. 124, Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 and Rice Lake Lodge No. 157. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

We are privileged to submit the report of the Committee on Benevolence for the year ended 31st March, 1950. For a complete summary of the grants made to several beneficiaries during the year under review, we would refer the brethren to the consolidated report of our Grand Treasurer.

In the course of the year, the amount paid to the beneficiaries was $10,176.44. The number receiving assistance at the beginning of the year was 43 and when the books were closed the number had increased to 46.

The activities of this Committee are many and varied. Following the well established Masonic custom we employ no fanfare of publicity regarding the work of extending relief to the needy, rather a discreet silence is maintained having regard to the personal affairs of the unfortunate brethren who have come to us for aid and assistance. Much of our work centres around the intimate life of the brethren and their dependents who are beneficiaries and what is contained in our closely guarded files is regarded as confidential between the recipient, the Lodge and the Committee.

We prefer that this condition should continue and believe the members of Grand Lodge are satisfied that the administration of this Fund has been in capable hands since its inception more than a quarter of a century ago.

It is with grateful thanks we make acknowledgement of the additions to the capital of the fund during the year. The amount received totals $2,225.76. No less than 54 Lodges sent contributions and in addition one District and six individual members are included in the list of donors. Details will be found at the end of my report.

We close our report on a note of sadness. On June 6th, the day prior to that on which Grand Lodge should have met in Annual Communication, we learned of the sudden passing of our Chairman, M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd; the faithful devotion and earnest solicitude of our late Chairman in the cause of Masonic Benevolence is perhaps realized better by members of this Committee than any other group of workers in Grand Lodge. He had the sympathetic heart and all his official doings were marked by a genuine solicitude for the unfortunate. The influence of M.W. Bro. Boyd extended far beyond the boundaries of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and we who served with him in Committee, express at this time our sadness of farewell. He was indeed a good man and a true Freemason.

Fraternally submitted,
on behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
Acting Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4) who moved its adoption seconded by R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27). Carried.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1	$100.00
Lisgar Lodge No. 2	100.00
Emerson Lodge No. 6	27.71
King Solomon Lodge No. 8	25.00
Northern Light Lodge No. 10	60.00
Gladstone Lodge No. 11	25.00
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	50.00
Morden Lodge No. 13	25.00
Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14	50.00
Corinthian Lodge No. 15	10.00
Brandon Lodge No. 19	50.00
Birtle Lodge No. 39	25.00
Deloraine Lodge No. 40	79.50
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	25.00
Hartney Lodge No. 52	25.00
Oriental Lodge No. 54	25.00
East Star Lodge No. 55	5.00
Composite Lodge No. 64	10.00
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67	25.00
Shiloh Lodge No. 70	17.00
Crystal Lodge No. 71	25.00
Napinka Lodge No. 77	10.00
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	25.00
King Edward Lodge No. 93	50.00
Hiram Lodge No. 94	25.00
Binscarth Lodge No. 101	10.00
Miniota Lodge No. 102	10.00
Strathclair Lodge No. 106	75.00
Swan Lake Lodge No. 109	16.00
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	25.00
Acacia Lodge No. 111	25.00
Opnir Lodge No. 112	50.00
Tweed Lodge No. 113	30.00
Strathcona Lodge No. 117	27.25
Norwood Lodge No. 119	25.00
Penza Lodge No. 120	13.30
St. James Lodge No. 121	125.00
Roblin Lodge No. 122	25.00
Transcona Lodge No. 123	25.00
Patricia Lodge No. 125	2.00
McCreary Lodge No. 133	35.00
Windsor Lodge No. 138	75.00
Beaver Lodge No. 139	100.00
Meridian Lodge No. 140	25.00
Harmony Lodge No. 142	25.00
Fidelity Lodge No. 146	15.00
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148	25.00
The Dormer Lodge No. 151	25.00
Flin Flon Lodge No. 153	50.00
Carman Lodge No. 155	50.00
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156	49.00
Rice Lake Lodge No. 157	100.00
Fenwick Lodge No. 158	50.00
Newdale Lodge No. 159	25.00
Fifth Masonic District	49.00
C. E. Meadows (14)	5.00
W. C. McDonald (70)	100.00
Thos. Gibson (4)	10.00
A. MacDonald (87)	5.00
B. S. Parker (4)	5.00
N. Rothstein (141)	25.00
	$2,225. 76

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. &. A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Finance begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee on Finance during the past year has carefully supervised all matters pertinent to the General Fund of Grand Lodge. Meetings of this Committee were held regularly each month to check and authorize payment of all accounts presented through the Grand Secretary. We also held a special meeting Friday, January 6th, at 7.30 p.m., to discuss and prepare a report for the Board of General Purposes as per Board minutes November 18th, 1949, in respect to the bonding of Secretaries of each Constituent Lodge, by a Schedule Fidelity Bond.

Statement of Income and Expenditures as at March 31st, 1950, is as follows.:

Income Budgeted	$21,765.00
Income Actual	23,741.23
Expenditures Budgeted	22,680.00
Expenditures Actual	20,149.71
Net Income for Year over Expenditure	3,591.52
Surplus as at March 31st, 1950	23,947.00
Surplus as at March 31st, 1949	20,355.48

The sum of $1000.00 which was allocated to the Committee appointed in connection with the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 1949, was carried forward in this year.

To the Committee on Research and Education the sum of $200.00 was allocated for the expenses for Panel Speakers to the constituent Lodges.

During the year the Finance Committee, at a special meeting gave full consideration to placing a "Schedule Fidelity Bond" to cover all Secretaries of Constituent Lodges. The Committee recommended to the Board of General Purposes that the minimum amount of any such Bond for any one Lodge should be $1000.00, and on a graduated scale upwards at the discretion of the Lodge or Lodges requiring a larger amount. This Blanket Bond will mean a considerable saving to all Lodges.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee to the Board of General Purposes and with their approval a New Gestetner Machine was purchased for the Grand Secretary's Office. This machine will not only ease the work and save time, but will be a great saving in the expense in the Grand Secretary's Office as well as preparing valuable information for the Constituent Lodges which they should have.

It will be noted that the Item of salaries has increased to the amount of $1,054.00 over the Budget. This was caused owing to the extra help required in the Grand Secretary's Office and with the approval of the Board of General Purposes. This arrangement was made necessary on account of the absence of our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, through illness for a period of seven months.

We regret to record the continued illness of M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, our Grand Secretary, who acted as Secretary of the Finance Committee for a few months. For that assistance which he rendered so cheerfully before his illness in December, we wish to extend to him our sincere thanks and deep appreciation. We sincerely trust that his health will improve so that he may yet enjoy many days of happiness with his family and the fellowship of his friends and the Brethren.

To our Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, we wish to thank and express our sincere appreciation for his timely assistance as Acting Grand Secretary during the absence of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey. We were very fortunate when he so willingly took over as Secretary of the Finance Committee. The duties of the Grand Secretary's Office have been conducted in a very efficient manner, all records to which it was necessary to refer, are well kept and carefully filed for convenient reference. We also at this time wish to convey our sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff of the Grand Secretary's Office, especially to Miss Margaret Anderson for her ever-willing assistance and co-operation at all times.

The Budget showing approximate Income and Expenditures for the year 1950-1951, is attached to this report and is submitted for your due consideration. In order to balance the Budget, the sum of $1,161.05 will have to be taken from the Surplus Account.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. McCANN,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Presented by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70). Carried.

BUDGET FOR 1950-51

Income	Actual	Budget
Dues	$18,989.00	$19,000.00
Initiations	1,604.00	1,000.00
M. M. Certificates	1,584.00	1,300.00
P. M. Certificates	83.50	80.00
L. M. Certificates	114.00	100.00
Dispensations	204.00	175.00
Bond Interest	300.00	300.00
Supplies	862.73	1,000.00
	$23,741.23	$22,955.00
Expenditures:		
Salaries	$ 8,054.00	$ 7,850.00
Rent	1,224.00	1,296.00
Postage	416.16	415.00
Office and Stationery Supply	268.72	400.00
Grand Master Expense	445.55	1,000.00
Grand Secty. & G. L. Officers Exp.	396.70	1,000.00
Area Meetings	812.85	1,000.00
L. M. Certificates		25.00
M M. Certificates	105.84	130.00
Board Members Expense	704.05	800.00
Library Maintenance	1,031.93	1,800.00
Insurance	60.05	60.05
Masonry in Manitoba	1,603.10	1,800.00
Regalia	211.50	375.00
Research and Education	7.00	25.00
Bissett Trip	97.30	100.00
Unemployment Insurance	54.78	65.00
Telephone and Telegraph	145.42	150.00
Banff Conference	334.55	400.00
All-Canada Conference		200.00
Masonic Relief Association	66.86	70.00
Furniture and Fixtures	584.69	250.00
75th Anniversary	80.43	1,000.00
Grand Lodge Communication	1,070.26	1,400.00
Audit	300.00	300.00
Flowers	130.75)	
Christmas Expense	96.16)	200.00
Memorials	40.50	50.00
Safety Deposit Box	25.00	25.00
Typewriter Inspection	27.00	30.00
Miscellaneous	175.00	200.00
Grand Lodge Proceedings	1,546.49	1,700.00
	$20,157.14	$24,116.05
Taken from surplus		$ 1,161.05

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Owing to the severe damage caused by the recent flood to a number of our Constituent Lodge buildings, and to individual members of the Craft who suffered loss to their homes and furnishings, and in order to meet a situation whereby these Lodges might be assisted financially, to rehabilitate their premises, and to individual members who were not otherwise provided for, your Board deemed it advisable to set up a Committee, to be known as the Committee on Masonic Flood Relief Fund, and charged with the duties of making an appeal to the Lodges of this Jurisdiction not so affected. The funds so collected, together with any donations received from other Jurisdictions to be used solely for these purposes.

Your Committee wish to report that the response to the appeal as at this date has been most gratifying, and the donations received from other Jurisdictions both in Canada and the United States, have placed your Committee in a position where they will be able to meet all requests for emergency assistance to members and relieve the members of the Lodges affected, of any debt in repairing their Lodge premises.

As financial returns are not complete, nor have final or all payments been paid it is not possible to furnish a detailed report of receipts and disbursements at this time. A full report of receipts to this date however is given you herewith:

Donors: To August 30th, 1950	Amount	U.S. Exchange
Kerrobert Lodge No. 90, Sask.	$ 100.00	
Wilson Lodge No. 86. Tor. Ben. Com.	100.00	
Wilson Lodge No. 86. Toronto, Lodge	100.00	
Grand Lodge of Minnesota	500.00	$ 50.00
R. W. Stanford, Willmar, Minn.	20.00	2.00
S. A. Erickson, Mankato, Minn.	25.00	2.50
Dr. G. A. Woodside, Gr. Librar'n, Man.	50.00	
Harry Gill, Bismark, N.D. Can. Funds	6.00	
W. F. Holman, St. Paul, Minn.	10.00	1.00
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia	2,078.21	
Grand Lodge of British Columbia	5,000.00	
La Loge Renaissance No. 119, Montreal	25.00	
Ivan Amos, Sherridon, Man.	10.00	
Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario	15,000.00	
Grand Lodge of Arkansas	1,000.00	100.00
Hennepin Lodge, Welfare Fund, Minn.	100.00	10.00
Victory Lodge No. 94, Montreal	57.00	
Grand Chapter Eastern Star, N.D.	100.00	10.00
Kinistino Lodge No. 1, Sask.	100.00	

Grand Lodge of Oklahoma	733.29	73.32
Grand Lodge of Montana	100.00	10.00
Grand Lodge of West Virginia	200.00	20.00
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts	1,000.00	100.00
Grand Lodge of Alberta	5,000.00	
Grand Lodge of Alberta, Members	9,591.53	
Sub-Totals	41,006.03	378.82
The Masonic Service Association of the United States; Washington, D.C. M.W. Bro Carl H. Claudy, Ex. Secty.	18,000.00	1,800.00
Manitoba:		
Assiniboine Lodge No. 7	100.00	
Tweed Lodge No. 113	100.00	
Sprague Lodge No. 132	10.00	
Fenwick Lodge No. 158	25.00	
Reston Lodge No. 104	25.00	
Windsor Lodge No. 138	100.00	
Crystal Lodge No. 71	20.00	
Patricia Lodge No. 125	25.00	
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	25.00	
Cypress Lodge No. 82	20.00	
Favel Lodge No. 126	25.00	
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	50.00	
Manitouwapa Lodge No.156	27.00	
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67	50.00	
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	25.00	
Sub-Total	627.00	
	59,633.03	2,178.82
Total	$61,811.85	

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY CODDINGTON,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4). Carried.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON 75th ANNIVERSARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Preparations which were in progress for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. have been abandoned at the request of the M.W. Grand Master owing to the flood conditions prevailing in the Red River Valley.

Your Committee had the plans well in hand and only a few minor details remained to be adjusted.

If, however, it is decided to carry out the Celebrations at a later date, much of the work will require to be done again as the Organization has been disbanded.

A portion of the allocation of $2,500.00 has been disbursed and there are several commitments which must be taken care of. This will be redeemable in some measures if and when the Celebrations are held in whole or in part.

The amount expended is approximately $1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. MOWAT,
General Chairman.

Presented by V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), who moved the adoption of this report, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93). Carried.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION AND JEWEL TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington presented the Commission, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat, who thanked the M.W. Grand Master for the honor.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas then presented the jewel of the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, advising him that the Commission would follow in due course. The M.W. Grand Master expressed his thanks in a few words.

FIFTY YEAR JEWEL

Bro. James Purdie of Capitol Lodge No. 136 was presented with a Fifty Year Jewel by M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald who commended him for his long service to the Craft and wished him many years of continued service and interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Coddington made announcements regarding the reception of distinguished visitors, and the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges, both of which would take place at the Evening Session.

CLOSING

The Afternoon Session was adjourned at 4.30 p.m. to be resumed at 8.00 p.m. in the evening.

Wednesday, August 9th, 1950

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, and the Past Grand Masters, entered the Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn, "Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him."

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington at 8.00 p.m.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, together with a number of Past Grand Masters were then directed to retire and escort our Distinguished Visitors into Grand Lodge:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:
M.W. Bro. Keith M. Brown
M.W. Bro. L. H. Colson
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton
M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford
R.W. Bro. O. E. Gould
W. Bro. Clinton M. Norton
Introduced by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:
M.W. Bro. H. Walster, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Harold S. Pond
M.W. Bro. Chas. M. Pollock
M.W. Bro. John Stormon
Introduced by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald. P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota:
M.W. Bro. R. R. Twamley
R.W. Bro. E. F. Strain, Grand Secretary
Introduced by R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin:
M.W. Bro. A. Elmgreen
Introduced by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario):
M.W. Bro. Chas. S. Hamilton
Introduced by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:
M.W. Bro. Dr. F. Hedley Auld, Grand Master
Introduced by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:
M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald
M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams
M.W. Bro. Sam. Harris
Introduced by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey:
M.W. Bro. D. J. Sargent
Introduced by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, P.G.M.

The Grand Lodge extended Grand Honors to our Distinguished Guests after the M.W. Grand Master had cordially welcomed each guest. Their sponsors were then requested to conduct our visitors to the Grand East.

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Bearers were escorted into the Grand Lodge by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe and in a dignified Ceremony the flags were presented:

Bro. Capt. Sam Gee (140) of the Cameron Highlanders bearing the Union Jack.

Bro. Major John Dickson (140) of the Cameron Highlanders bearing the Stars and Stripes.

The brethren sang one verse each of "God Save the King" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS NEAR THIS GRAND LODGE

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, was directed to present the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions to Grand Lodge, who in turn presented greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge they represented.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington acknowledged the greetings and welcomed the Grand Representatives and expressed the hope that they would communicate with their respective Grand Lodges and extend greetings and best wishes from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Alberta	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Alpina (Switzerland)	V.W. Bro. W.C. Birt
Arizona	V.W. Bro. O. L. Best
Arkansas	R.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
Columbia	R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann
Colorado	R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
Connecticut	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Costa Rica	R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd
Cuba	W. Bro. J. Morgan Davies
Denmark	M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
District of Columbia	W. Bro. A. C. Cabel
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
Georgia	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
Honduras	R.W. Bro A. G. Cowan
Idaho	W. Bro. S. J. Sametz
Indiana	R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett

Louisiana	R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Mexico	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson
Nevada	V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat
New Hampshire	V.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
New Mexico	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New Zealand	M.W. Bro. S. Burland
North Carolina	R.W. Bro Robt. Peel
Norway	R.W. Bro. J. P. McKinnon
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
Oklahoma	V.W. Bro. D. M. Smith
Oregon	R.W. Bro. A. D. Russell
Paraiba (Brazil)	R.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell
Philippine Islands	R.W. Bro. John Livesey
Prince Edward Island	R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Queensland	R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
Rio de Janeiro	M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. H.H. Gray
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Carolina	R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
Utah	R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
Vermont	R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie
Washington	R.W. Bro. G. R. Mackay
Western Australia	V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. D. Griffith

MUSICAL NUMBER

The brethren were then entertained with very pleasing vocal numbers by Bro. Don Craw, accompanied by Bro. M.W. Erskine. This entertainment was very much appreciated and the Artists were thanked sincerely by the M.W. Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

My Brethren:

It is with reverence and gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe that we meet here today at the adjourned meeting of the 75th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. We are assembled for the purpose of legislation and to receive reports from those who have been entrusted with the duties of office for the past year, to renew ties of friendship and love, to commune and counsel with each other and trust that by our intimate association, there may grow a more useful and harmonious Masonry in Manitoba.

As Grand Master it is an esteemed privilege to extend to all the members here assembled a most fraternal and cordial welcome. We give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for permitting us to assemble once again, and ever pray for His continued guidance in our deliberations. To those of you who are here for the first time I trust you will feel at home and that you will participate freely in our deliberations.

As members of Grand Lodge, we come here as representatives of 106 Lodges of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba, and whose membership exceeds 13,500. You come, not out of curiosity, but to gain new impetus and ardor for the work of the coming year.

In presenting my report as Grand Master, I wish to refer briefly to a number of matters which, in my opinion, are worthy of your consideration.

At our 74th Communication held in June 1949, you elected me Grand Master, an honor highly prized by all whose privilege it is to attain this office. I promised you that I would, to the best of my ability uphold the traditions of our great Order and endeavor to carry out my duties in a satisfactory manner.

"If man but knew his fate
How different he would plan."

Events which have happened during my term of office made it most difficult for me to accomplish those things I had set out to do. Notwithstanding the obstacles that barred the way, we of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M have been blessed with a prosperous year.

To the Grand Lodge Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Masters of the constituent lodges, I wish to express my personal thanks for your undivided attention to your several duties, and great credit is yours for the fine fraternal relations and spirit of harmony that pertains throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. My term just ending, has been a full and busy one, but much still remains to be done—circumstances having been such that I feel that many of my responsibilities have been neglected. It is regretted that it was necessary to arrange for the adjournment of the Communication that should have been held in June, according to the Constitution, but this was necessary owing to the state of emergency existing due to the flood in the Red River Valley. To the many of our brethren who have suffered loss, the sympathy of all members go out to you and our earnest hope is that you will soon be re-established in your homes and businesses and enjoy again the fruits of this bounteous Province of ours. The kind expressions of sympathy and financial aid received from other Grand Jurisdictions both in Canada and the United States has been most generous and the Committee set up by your Board to administer the fund, known as the Masonic Flood Relief Fund, has been charged with the duty of first, seeing to the rehabilitation of lodge buildings damaged by the ravaging river; it was most pleasing to know that there are only three such buildings affected. Secondly, the Committee will endeavor to take care of the needs of any individual members who are not otherwise provided for.

To those Grand Jurisdictions who have been so generous and particularly to the Masonic Service Association of the United States, through its Executive Secretary, M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, for their kindly interest on our behalf, I personally, and I know you would wish me to do so on your behalf, say, "Thank You." In the printed Proceedings of this Communication there will appear a full statement in respect to the donations received.

BENEVOLENCE

I am sure every member of this Grand Lodge will be gratified with the report of the Committee on Benevolence. Nothing in our work is more worthy of your support. I would like to record here my deep appreciation and thanks to those constituent lodges who have contributed so generously during the past year to our Benevolent Endowment Fund.

> "Thus to relieve the wretched was his pride,
> And even his failings lean'd to virtue's side;
> But in his duty prompt at every call,
> He watched and wept, he pray'd and felt for all."

NECROLOGY

It is fitting that we pause a moment to pay tribute to those whose labors here on earth have ceased, to thank our Heavenly Father for the examples they have set us in lives rich in service and holy living; to cherish the good that they have done, and to shape and fashion our lives anew by reason of their exalted manhood.

Our Grand Lodge has suffered severely during the past year, through the deaths of prominent brethren and the illness of others.

First we suffered the loss of M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (July 1st, 1949), who at the time of his death was Grand Librarian. M.W. Bro. Henderson had planned many improvements which would have re-acted in the matter of improved library services to the members of the Craft, and in his passing, is greatly missed.

We also mourn the loss of M.W. Bro. Harry E. Bletcher (November 12th, 1949), Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge and one who not only during his year of office, but in the years following, was a tower of strength to the Grand Jurisdiction.

More recently, we suffered the loss of M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (June 6th, 1950), who in his own quiet way gave of his time and resources not only to Grand Lodge, but to the Craft in general throughout the whole Jurisdiction.

This Grand Lodge also mourns and feels keenly the passing of one of our Grand Lodge Officers in the person of R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (July 1st, 1950), who at the time of his death held the Office of Senior Grand Warden, a fine gentleman and good friend.

To the families and relatives of these brethren we extend our deepest sympathy.

In addition to the above mentioned brethren, loss was sustained by our Sister Grand Jurisdictions in the passing of many outstanding members of the Craft whose names we record with deep regret and sorrow.

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March 6th, M.W. Bro. Boyd Weed, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of West Virginia,

April 22nd, M.W. Bro. J. W. Armstrong, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

May 7th, M.W. Bro. Chas. F. Cutts, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

May 12th, M.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

May 14th, M.W. Bro. E. A. Myers, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Panama.

May 16th, M.W. Bro. J. R. Ruhl, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Ohio.

May 29th, M.W. Bro. F. W. Matson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

May 31st, R.W. Bro. A. C. Anderson, J.G.W., Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

June 1st, M.W. Bro. D. O. Stine, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

June 13th, M.W. Bro. W. R. Graves, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

June 14th, M.W. Bro. P. R. Kelly, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Oregon.

June 30th, M.W. Bro. C. H. Starke, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

July 8th, R.W. Bro. P. F. Schlanderer, J.G.W., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

July 11th, R.W. Bro. G. P. Allen, S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Texas.

July 14th, M.W. Bro. T. W. Peace, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

July 23rd, M.W. Bro. Dr. L. Gaitan, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Guatemala.

August 10th, M.W. Bro. H. M. Grundy, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

August 29th, M.W. Bro. Rev. A. A. Smith, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Maine.

August 31st, M.W. Bro. J. M. Charteris, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Montana.

October 8th, M.W. Bro. O. A. Johnson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Montana.

October 10th, M.W. Bro. H. A. Sherman, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

October 10th, M.W. Bro. E. E. Nelson, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

October 20th, M.W. Bro. E. M. Wood, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Texas.

October 23rd, M.W. Bro. F. Loaiza, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Panama.

November 2nd, M.W. Bro. M. Stieglitz, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Panama.

November 5th, M.W. Bro. E. M. Showalter, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

November 20th, M.W. Bro. Robt. Young, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

November 28th, M.W. Bro. J. Stansbury, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

November 30th, M.W. Bro. F. N. McCandless, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Washington.

December 4th, M.W. Bro. G. M. Weir, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

December 10th, M.W. Bro. W. L. Parmelee, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Montana.

December 14th, M.W. Bro. J. C. Moloney, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arizona.

December 24th, M.W. Bro. I. W. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

December 28th, R.W. Bro. G. N. Stevens, P.S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

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January 15th, M.W. Bro. Tom W. Holman, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Washington.

January 21st, M.W. Bro. J. C. Collins, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

January 23rd, M.W. Bro. Dr. E. P. Rohrbaugh, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

January 25th, M.W. Bro. H. W. Miles, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

January 31st, M.W. Bro. F. S. Knittle, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

March 1st, V.W. Bro. G. F. Root, G.S.D., Grand Lodge of Vermont.

March 10th, M.W. Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Illinois.

March 14th, M.W. Bro. Alva Bryan, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Texas.

April 18th, M.W. Bro. I. H. M. D. Quidano, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Panama.

May 1st, M.W. Bro. C. G. Patterson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Oregon.

May 7th, M.W. Bro. A. L. Haight, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

May 11th, M.W. Bro. J. L. Travis, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Georgia.

June 7th, M.W. Bro. R. H. Burbank, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Maine.

VISITATIONS

I regret owing to the situation that prevailed during my term of office, that I was unable to attend the Communications of all the Grand Lodges to which I had been invited, but was most happy to attend the following meetings:

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, June 8th, and 9th, 1949, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, June 15th, and 16th, 1949, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, March 22nd, and 23rd, 1950, accompanied by M.W Bros. Douglas and McDonald, and R.W. Bro. Blythe.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota, June 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1950, accompanied by M.W. Bros. Douglas and McDonald and R. W. Bro. Blythe.

At all these Communications your representative was received most cordially. I fully appreciate the honor conferred on me by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in electing me an Honorary Past Grand Master of their Jurisdiction.

Visits to the following Constituent Lodges of our own Grand Lodge were made as follows:

Flin Flon Lodge No. 153	August 30th, 1949
The Pas Lodge No. 124	August 31st, 1949
Meridian Lodge No. 140	September.15th, 1949
Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1	September 20th, 1949
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156	October 17th, 1949
Norwood Lodge No. 119	February 9th 1950
Neepawa Lodge No. 24	March 14th, 1950
Brandon Lodge No. 19	March 28th, 1950
St. John's Lodge No. 4	April 5th, 1950
Windsor Lodge No. 138	April 10th, 1950
King Edward Lodge No. 93	April 19th, 1950
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	April 20th, 1950
Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143	April 27th, 1950

On my visit to Neepawa Lodge on March 14th, 1949, I was made an Honorary Member of the Lodge, an honor which I highly prized and I was told that it is the first time in the history of Neepawa Lodge that such an honor has been conferred.

I also attended all District Meetings as follows:

1st Masonic District	Winnipeg, November 5th, 1949
2nd Masonic District	Portage la Prairie, October 20th 1949
3rd Masonic District	Belmont, October 13th, 1949
4th Masonic District	Killarney, October 12th, 1949
5th Masonic District	Rapid City, September 28th, 1949
6th Masonic District	Souris, October 14th, 1949
7th Masonic District	Elkhorn, September 29th, 1949
8th Masonic District	Emerson, October 7th, 1949
9th Masonic District	Swan River, August 29th, 1949
10th Masonic District	Selkirk, October 28th,1949
12th Masonic District	Winnipeg, January 30th, 1950

On the occasion of all visits to Constituent Lodges and District Meetings, I was accompanied by a goodly representation of Grand Lodge Officers. To R.W. Bro Chas. E. Cole, Deputy Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe, Grand Director of Ceremonies, I wish to express my sincere thanks for their most able assistance.

I was sorry that the Area Meetings that were to have been held in May had to be cancelled due to the flood situation. This action was regretted by the Committee on Research and Education but they will endeavor to hold these meetings in the early Fall.

The administrative affairs of this Grand Lodge were severely handicapped by reason of the serious illness of our worthy Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey who at the beginning of the term was confined to his home on account of a heart ailment. Improvement in his health permitted him to return to his duties in July, 1949, and gave us hope and encouragement that he would continue to improve and be the better able to carry on his duties so ably and efficiently. However, our hopes were greatly disturbed when on December 30th, he suffered a relapse of his former illness and since that time he has been unable to return to his duties, and to him we offer our sincere sympathy.

The situation confronting us has been rather unique in that as Grand Master, I was asked to assume the duties of Acting Grand Secretary, which I was most happy to undertake in order that there would be no interruption in carrying on the administrative activities of this Grand Lodge. In so doing, it prevented me from attending to other matters which I had planned, as time did not permit. As Grand Master, and from the knowledge I acquired carrying out the dual responsibilities it was my belief that some action was necessary by the members of this Grand Lodge to bring about a change in the administrative set-up, and recommended to the Board that our Constitution be amended, to permit of a reorganization that would in my opinion, make for a more efficient system in the secretarial work of this Grand Lodge. I am most happy to think that the Board accepted the recommendation and have prepared for your consideration and approval the necessary amendments to the Constitution that will enable the Board to bring about the suggested changes.

While my visits to the various constituent lodges have been limited, I am happy to say that I have found in all cases, both in attending District Meetings and meetings of the Lodges, a fine spirit of co-operation among the brethren, and when it was my privilege to witness the exemplification of Ritual, the brethren showed proficiency in their duties.

It is pleasing to know, as you will see by the statistical figures in the Grand Secretary's report, that we have had a substantial increase in our membership for the year ending December 31st, 1949, and if I may interject at this time, a thought which has been uppermost in my mind and that is with reference to a fear which seems to have been created in the minds of some of our members, that we are bringing in too many new members in too short a period of time, intimating apparently that many of our constituent lodges were to some extent soliciting for new members. I cannot but disagree with this thought and prefer rather to think that the reason we are getting an influx of new members is the fact that the younger men coming on today have seen and know of good deeds done by members of the Craft in their various communities, and they desire to be numbered among them and feel that the means of accomplishing their objective is to join the Masonic Order. To further strengthen my conviction in this regard, we have but to look over the various community centres both in cities and towns and in almost every case we find that those citizens who take a leading part in activities for the good of their community as a whole, are members of our Fraternity.

BANFF CONFERENCE

In company with M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald and R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, we attended the Conference of the Four Western Jurisdictions at Banff in September. This was the fourth such Conference I have been privileged to attend, and it seemed to me, like old wine, they improve with age. The papers presented and discussed brought out many salient facts pertinent to Craft Masonry, likewise the personal contacts made with brethren of the other Grand Jurisdictions help bind closer the fine fraternal relations.

FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

It has been my very pleasant duty to present Fifty Year Jewels to a number of brethren who have served the Craft faithfully for Fifty years and more, and I am indebted to a number of brethren who have made presentations on my behalf during the year:

Bro. George Herbert Tindall, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, presented by M.W. Bro. D. McGugan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at Victoria, B.C. on October 28th, 1949.

Bro. Walter Gorham, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, presented by M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin on October 20th, 1949.

Bro. Wm. J. Holmes, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Coddington, at Winnipeg General Hospital on January 24th, 1950.

W. Bro. Daniel B. Armitage, Manitou Lodge No. 30, presented by R.W. Bro. W. A. Pommer, at Manitou on March 6th, 1950.

Bro. Richard Arthur McBurney, Hartney Lodge No. 52, presented by R.W. Bro. W. D. Gilroy, P.D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at Cranbrook, B.C. on February 16th, 1950.

Bro. George Mooney, Wawanesa Lodge No. 67, presented by R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran, Junior Grand Warden, at Wawanesa on May 15th, 1950.

Bro. Robert Stevenson Campbell, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell, D.D.G.M. on October 19th, 1949.

Bro. Michael Younger, King Edward Lodge No. 93, by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Coddington on April 19th, 1950.

Bro. William John Taggart, Tweed Lodge No. 113, presented by R.W. Bro. G. W. Harrup at Vancouver, B.C. on April 13th, 1950.

V.W. Bro. William James Young, The Pas Lodge No. 124, presented by R.W. Bro. G. A. Williams, at The Pas on February 22nd, 1950.

Bro. Rose Laird, Capitol Lodge No. 136, presented by R.W. Bro. David Milliken, D.D.G.M. on May 5th, 1950.

Bro. Nels Peter Nelson, Elkhorn Lodge No. 74, presented by R.W. Bro. J. M. McCorkindale, on July 27th, 1950.

PRESENTED AT THIS COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE

M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, Crystal Lodge No. 71, presented by M.W. Bro. Charles Hamilton, P.G.M. (Ontario) on August 9th, 1950.

Bro. James Purdie, Capitol Lodge No. 136, presented by Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald on August 9th, 1950.

Bro. John Milne, Meridian Lodge No. 140, presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Coddington on August 10th, 1950.

Bro. George Alexander Berry, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Coddington on August 10th, 1950.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It has given me pleasure to appoint the following members of our Grand Lodge as Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

Grand Lodge of Oklahoma .... January 16th, 1950
V.W. Bro. Daniel William Smith, Portage la Prairie.

Grand Lodge of Oregon .... March 28th, 1950
R.W. Bro. Andrew Dick Russell, Cardale.

Grand Lodge of Nevada .... June 30th, 1950
V.W. Bro. John Paterson Mowat, Winnipeg.

Grand Lodge of South Australia .... February 21st, 1950
W. Bro. John J. Allen, Winnipeg.

I have also approved the appointment of the following brethren as Grand Representatives of Manitoba near other Grand Jurisdictions:

Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, August 8th, 1949
W. Bro. Convass B. Dean, Arlington, Va.

Grand Lodge of Montana .... November 24th, 1949
W. Bro. Guy Dowen, Chinook, Montana.

Grand Lodge of Virginia .... November 21st, 1949
R.W. Bro. Hugh Reid, Arlington, Va.

NEW LODGES IN MANITOBA

During the past year, petitions have been received for the formation of four new lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction as follows:

Starbuck Lodge at	Starbuck
Fort Prince of Wales Lodge at	Churchill
Ashlar Lodge at	Norwood
Charleswood Lodge at	Charleswood

In all cases the Petitions so presented complied with the Constitution and the Board of General Purposes recommended to the Grand Master the issuance of the Dispensation for each. It is regretted that time did not permit the Institution of these new lodges during my term of office, but trust that the Grand Master Elect will give the matter his early attention.

To us, by virtue of our position we have mandates to guide and mold public opinion. This thought should make us watchful and sober—it should inspire us to become better men and Masons. If each and everyone of us live our lives in the manner expressed in the words of Stephen Grellet, we will then be carrying out the Principles and Aims of our great Fraternity:

> "I expect to pass through this life but once.
> If, therefore, there be any kindness I can
> show, or any good thing I can do for any
> fellow-being, let me do it now. Let me not
> defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

I would be remiss in concluding my address to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction if I did not express to M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan my deep appreciation for his kind assistance in acting as Grand Secretary during the Communication.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you all, my sincere thanks and appreciation for the privilege of serving you as Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction.

W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114) expressed the thanks of the brethren for the splendid address given by the M.W. Grand Master and moved, seconded by R.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) that the Address be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. Carried.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

TO M.W. BRO. E. T. GREENWAY—CRYSTAL LODGE No. 71

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington requested M.W. Bro. Chas. S. Hamilton, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), to present a Fifty Year Jewel to M.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway, a Past Grand Master of our Grand Jurisdiction. This presentation was made in a very gracious and pleasing manner, and was very sincerely acknowledged by M.W. Bro. Greenway.

TO BRO. JAMES PURDIE, CAPITOL LODGE No. 136

The Grand Master then called on M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70) to make the presentation of a Fifty Year Jewel to Bro. James Purdie. The presentation was made in a very sincere manner and accepted with deep appreciation.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 2 (o)

It was moved by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70) and seconded by RW. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4), that Section 2 of the Constitution be amended by adding Sub-section (o) thereto:

"(o) Executive Office: The Office where the business and clerical work of Grand Lodge is transacted."

The Motion was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 64

It was moved by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), seconded by R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), that Section 64 be deleted and the following substituted as Sub-section (a):

> "The Board shall have control and direction of the Executive Office of Grand Lodge.
> The Board shall have power to appoint an Executive Secretary who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board and shall perform such duties as the Board may direct."

The Motion was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 64

It was moved by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4), seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), that Section 64 be further amended by adding the following as Sub-section (b):

> "The Board shall have power on behalf of Grand Lodge to arrange for and place a "Schedule Fidelity Bond" on the position of Secretary of every Constituent Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction.
>
> The minimum bond in each case shall be in the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) but may be for such larger amount as any Lodge may request. The premium on such bond shall be payable by Grand Lodge from its General Fund but the Board shall assess the proportionate cost thereof to the respective Constituent Lodges, who shall pay the said assessment to Grand Lodge within three weeks after demand."

The Motion was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 81

It was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70) that Section 81 of the Constitution be amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

> "Any or all of the aforesaid duties and any other duties of the Grand Secretary may be assigned, transferred or delegated by the Board as it may direct."

The Motion was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 82

It was moved by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), seconded by W. Bro. J. Morgan Davies (25) that Section 82 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the Section and substituting the following therefor:

> "The remuneration of the Grand Secretary, the Executive Secretary, the Office Staff, and all other expenses relative to the Executive Office of Grand Lodge shall be fixed by the Board and shall be payable from the General Fund of Grand Lodge."

The Motion was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 86

It was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3), that Section 86 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the Section and substituting the following therefor:

> "The Grand Librarian shall submit to the Board of General Purposes annually, through the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, a summary of the activities of the Library for the year."

The Motion was carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan Acting Grand Secretary, made an announcement regarding the Installation of District Deputy Grand Masters Elect, and requesting the retiring District Deputy Grand Masters to be present with their regalia of Office on Thursday evening so each one might invest his successor.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 10.15 p.m. by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, to reconvene at 10.30 o'clock the following morning.

Second Day

Thursday, August 10th, 1950

Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10:30 a.m. by the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Harry Coddington.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following notices of Motion were read, but no action was taken:

Section 7

That Section 7 be amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

> "Notice in writing of the time and place of the holding of the District Meeting shall be given by the District Deputy Grand Master to each Constituent Lodge within his District at least thirty days before the date of holding of such Meeting, and each Constituent Lodge shall cause a similar notice in writing to be sent to each member of the Lodge at least seven days before the holding of the District Meeting."

Section 41

That Section 41 as amended at the Communication of Grand Lodge held in June, 1949, be amended by repealing the first and second paragraphs of said Section as amended and substituting therefor the following:

> "A District Deputy Grand Master for each District within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be chosen and elected annually in the manner following:
>
> (a) As soon as possible after taking office, and at least thirty days prior to the Annual District Meeting, the District Deputy Grand Master shall appoint a nominating Committee to consist of not less than five members of Grand Lodge, who are also members of

Constituent Lodges within the District, of which at least two shall be Past District Deputy Grand Masters, whose duty shall be to nominate a suitable member for the Office of District Deputy Grand Master.

(b) A nomination may also be made by any member of Grand Lodge, who is also a member of a Lodge situated in the District for which nomination is made.

(c) All such nominations shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Grand Secretary not later than Twelve o'clock Noon, seven days prior to the date of such District Meeting. At such time the Grand Secretary shall declare nominations closed.

(d) Before accepting any nomination the Grand Secretary shall ascertain that the person or persons nominated is, or are, duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, to hold the office of District Deputy Grand Master.

(e) The Grand Secretary shall give notice to the District Secretary at least twenty-four hours before the opening of the District Meeting, showing the name or names of the person or persons so nominated, and if only one person is nominated, shall state that such person has been chosen by the District.

(f) If more than one person is nominated. the Past Masters, Masters and Sitting Wardens from each District who are in attendance at the Annual District Meeting held within the District shall choose by ballot a District Deputy Grand Master from those so nominated. A majority of the votes of those members so present shall be necessary to elect.

(g) The District Secretary shall report in writing to the Grand Master, the name of the District Deputy Grand Master so chosen."

Section 51

That Section 51 be amended by adding after the words "Grand Master" as the same appear in the third line of said Section, the following:

> "That at the time of his election, he is possessed of all the qualifications required of a petitioner to a Lodge for the Degrees of Freemasonry, and . . . . . ."

Section 90 (No. 1)

That Section 90 be amended by deleting therefrom the following paragraphs, namely:

> "For a Life Membership, Five Dollars, which shall be placed to the credit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund."
> "For a Life Member's Certificate, One Dollar."

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 90 (No. 2)

It was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), that Section 90 be amended by the addition of the following as a final paragraph:

> "The Board, may on request, remit to any Lodge, all or any part of the fee payable on account of the issue of a Dispensation."

The Motion was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 132 (m)

It was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), seconded by V.W. Bro. F. R. Sutton (157), that Section 132 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

> "To remit to Grand Lodge within the required time, all fees and any other amounts due by the Lodge to Grand Lodge."

The Motion was carried.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Bro. H. B. MacDonald, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, addressed the Grand Lodge, and presented a Certificate of his appointment as an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington. M.W. Bro. MacDonald then presented to the Grand Master a cheque for $9,591.53 being the amount contributed to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Flood Relief Fund by the constituent lodges of Alberta, and a further cheque of $5,000.00 from the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Coddington, acknowledged these gifts and his Honorary membership in the Grand Lodge of Alberta with sincere and heartfelt thanks.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

The Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas gave a very interesting and instructive address on the early days of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70) expressed the thanks of Grand Lodge to Bro. Douglas and moved, seconded by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11) that the address be printed in the Annual Proceedings. Carried:

GRAND HISTORIAN'S ADDRESS

In previous years, your Grand Historian has prepared his annual address with subject matter dealing with the romantic development of this vast western country. There is good reason why we should consider such material in an assembly of Freemasons. The majority of our citizens were born outside the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba; many migrated from other parts of Canada, while others came from lands across the sea. The story of their adopted land is largely a closed book and if we do not create the proper background then the prospect of an appreciative understanding can never become an accomplished fact. Illustrative of what I am driving at, is the fact that the story of Manitoba is neither adequately nor accurately told in some of the text books used in our public schools.

All in all neither this Grand Lodge nor its Grand Historian has any cause to apologize for the material presented in previous years and which is printed in our Annual Proceedings.

Today we are departing from our usual routine because, on this occasion, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba celebrated its Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

When we think of anniversaries and celebrations there is a tendency to centre our thoughts on the event being commemorated. It may be the institution of a corporate body; an association; a public building; or even the creation of a Grand Lodge. This is perfectly all right but only up to a point. Surely we realize that events and created institutions are the product of some man or group of men who consecrated their activity toward the accomplishment of a definite objective.

Putting it perhaps a bit bluntly, we find ourselves participating in this Seventy-fifth Anniversary and emphasis is being laid on the establishment of an organized Grand Lodge in the Province of Manitoba. Let us understand that neither this Grand Lodge nor any other Grand Lodge simply came into existence—it required leadership and direction—it required the touch of the Master Craftsman to fashion and build the Temple of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction.

So brethren, with grateful thanks for all that has been accomplished during three quarters of a century let us consider the men who in my judgment were the builders of the Foundation way back in 1875.

From the earliest times, the men who settled this part of Canada have shown remarkable enterprise and it would seem as if an inspired vision directed their efforts to open up the vast spaces of Western Canada. What an expanse of territory came under the jurisdiction of the few brethren who organized this Grand Lodge. It included not only the Province of Manitoba but also the whole of the Northwest Territories and later they had the far off Yukon under their control.

Do we realize in this year of commemoration that the men who unfurled the flag of Freemasonry in a "Great Lone Land," were in truth our early Empire Builders. They carried their obligation to make daily progress into practice by erecting churches, schools, hospitals, and in organizing all the necessary machinery of local government. They are the men whom we honor today as the subject of our annual address.

The Red Letter day in the history of Freemasonry was Wednesday, 12th May, 1875, because on that day the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was instituted. Strange as it may seem we have to admit that it is impossible to name the brethren who participated in this memorable Masonic event. Our records do not reveal who was in attendance but by re-constructing the meagre information now available it can be estimated the number did not exceed twenty.

Some, included in the group had little or no past experience in Grand Lodge organization. We are of the opinion that the moving spirits in the great adventure were, R.W. Bro. W. C. Clarke who was elected our first Grand Master; W. N. Kennedy who was elected Deputy Grand Master; James Henderson was elected Senior Grand Warden; and John Headley Bell was elected Grand Secretary.

These names are but names to the average member of the present time but they were important workmen in the days and times we commemorate today. They worked as Craftsmen in the Masonic arena while in the wider spaces outside and apart from the seclusion of the Lodge room they made notable contributions as faithful, loyal and devoted citizens. Let me tell you something about the brethren who were the original builders of our Grand Lodge. We will begin with our first Grand Master.

William Clarkson Clarke, was born on 28th October, 1834, in Inverness, Scotland, and came to Canada as a teen-age lad. He received his early education in London, England, and entered Queens' University, Kingston, Ontario, in 1852. Graduated with B.A. degree in 1855. In the latter year he entered Theology and continued his studies for the ministry until 1858, when he obtained his Testamur. Upon the completion of his course at

Queen's he was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. In the year of his ordination he was called to and inducted into the charge of the Presbyterian Church at Middleville, just north of Lanark, Ontario. He remained at this place until 1865. Shortly after his arrival at Middleville he was initiated into Freemasonry.

In the month of April, 1865, he received a call to Ormstown, near Georgetown, Quebec, and was inducted to the charge at that place. From the information we have gathered it would appear he remained at Ormstown until 1873, when he was sent by the authorities of his Church as a missionary to the people of Winnipeg (Red River). He arrived here late in 1873.

His work was in Knox Presbyterian Church, then in process of being organized as a congregation and it was intended that Dr. Clarke should assist in the setting up of the different courts of the Church and in general consolidate the activity in the rising town of Winnipeg. We should bear in mind that at the time we are writing about there were two branches of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. One was connected with the "Auld Kirk"—i.e. The Established Church of Scotland, the other was sympathetic to and had affiliation, either directly or indirectly, with The Free Church of Scotland. These two branches of Presbyterianism subsequently came together as one in 1875, but prior to this event there was considerable jealousy and an intense rivalry between members of the two churches.

The pioneers of Winnipeg included adherents of both branches. While the congregation of Knox Church was formally attached to the Presbytery of Winnipeg which had been constituted by the Canada Presbyterian Church, not a few of the active supporters stood by their original affiliation with the established Church of Scotland.

This was the unfortunate situation which confronted Dr. Clarke when he arrived in the West. His position was made more difficult during the early part of 1874, when Dr. James Robertson, at the invitation of the other section of Knox congregation, arrived to take charge of the Church where Dr. Clarke had just recently commenced to serve. The delicate situation thus created was aggravated by the fact that while the supporters of Dr. Clarke were in the minority, they were socially prominent and had a financial standing which is so important in operating a church successfully. It was a tense situation that met Dr. Clarke that summer and finally, in October 1874, matters were settled by Dr. Robertson being inducted into the charge of Knox Church, Winnipeg. It must have been a severe blow to Dr. Clarke, so much so that his subsequent actions would indicate he was a disappointed man.

He did not pack up and leave Winnipeg because of these happenings. We learn from the records of the Synod of the Church of England, that William Clarkson Clarke was licensed as a Curate in Deacon's Orders on October 19th, 1874, and ordained Priest on or about 24th March, 1875, by the Bishop of Rupert's Land. His transfer from the Presbyterian Church to the Church of England having been accomplished, he is appointed to minister to the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg. The summer of 1875 was a momentous one for this young church. It was embarking upon a separate and individual existence apart from the mother church at St. John's. This new venture necessitated the selection of a minister in charge—a guide—a shepherd. Plans to extend an invitation were prepared and the names of three candidates were submitted in nomination. The Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham, Rector of St. James (afterwards Bishop of Saskatchewan), the Rev. Dr. W. C. Clarke, in temporary charge of the Church, and the Rev. O. Fortin, Curate of Trinity Church, Montreal. The selection fell to the nominee from Montreal and upon his arrival at Winnipeg, William Clarkson Clarke, who remained in charge until November, 1875, returned to Eastern Canada early in the following year. He never returned to Manitoba. In 1878, he was appointed Rector of Christ Church and St. George's, at Belleville, Ontario, where he continued until his death on 16th October, 1883.

Coming now to the record of his Masonic activity we learn that he was initiated in True Britons Lodge No. 14, Perth, Ontario, on 7th March, 1859. He continued his membership in his mother lodge until January, 1864, when he demitted. We cannot find the record where and in what Lodge he was first elected as Worshipful Master because there is a blank of about five years over which our search has been fruitless. In the year 1869, he was the first Master of Chateaguay Lodge No. 208, Grand Lodge No. 208, Grand Lodge of Canada meeting at Huntingdon, Quebec. Then in 1870, he is recorded as the first Master of Clarke Lodge No. 28, Grand Lodge of Quebec, which lodge met at Ormstown, Quebec, where W. Bro. Clarke was Presbyterian minister.

He was elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in 1872. No further record of his Masonic affiliations in Quebec can be found and as already indicated he came to Winnipeg toward the end of 1873.

He affiliated with Prince Rupert's Lodge at Winnipeg on 19th May, 1874, by certificate of good standing issued by Clarke Lodge No. 28, Quebec, and according to the register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, he demitted on 21st November, 1876. No doubt the reason being that he had left the Jurisdiction permanently.

At the organizational meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, held on 12th May, 1875, William Clarkson Clarke was elected our first Grand Master. Among the many duties and ceremonies which fell to the lot of our Grand Master in the first year of our existence as a Grand Lodge perhaps the laying of the corner stone of the first City Hall on 17th August, 1875, was the most outstanding from the public point of view. This was the first such ceremony to be carried out by the Masonic Craft in this Jurisdiction and it caused quite a flutter of local interest in the community.

Shortly after Grand Lodge was instituted M.W. Bro. Clarke moved to Ontario, and when the first Annual Communication was held in 1876, he was absent. His report was read by the Grand Secretary and from this we quote, "I have to regret that owing to unlooked for circumstances beyond my control, I am unable to be among you today. But I can assure you that neither distance, time nor expense would have prevented me from presiding over your deliberations; strictly official duties which I have to attend to on the same date alone prevents me from being with you in person—Allow me to return you my most fraternal thanks for the honor you have reposed in me in electing me the first Grand Master of Manitoba; and further permit me to assure you that, although temporarily absent, I take the deepest interest in your collective and individual welfare."

As we have already remarked he never returned to Manitoba, and up to the time of his death no reference to him nor communication from him is mentioned in our records.

Most Worshipful Bro. Clarke passed to the Grand Lodge above in 1883, at Belleville, Ontario. From the local newspaper of that town we read that the brethren of Belleville, Eureka and Moira Lodges joined in conducting the funeral service over his remains and the burial took place at Belleville Cemetery on 18th October, 1883.

At the ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in February 1884, the then Grand Master, John H. Bell, who was our first Grand Secretary, under M.W. Bro. Clarke, in the course of his address had this to say:

"The past twelve months have brought us varied experiences, blessings which we should gratefully remember and sorrows which, sooner or later, we will forget, but neither thankfulness nor regrets can stay the onward march of the Reaper whose name is Death.

"Since our last Annual Communication, Most Worshipful Bro. Dr. William Clarkson Clarke, the first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge has been called from labor on earth to everlasting refreshment in the Grand Lodge above.

"Most Worshipful Brother Clarke presided at the convention when the Grand Lodge was organized in May, 1875, and was unanimously elected Grand Master. He labored assiduously to perfect the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and to secure the formal recognition of sister Grand Lodges, and in many ways rendered efficient services to the Craft. Ere the completion of his term of office he had removed to another sphere of labor in one of the Eastern Canadian towns; his removal causing much regret to the brethren.

"Eight years in this rapidly growing country has made great changes, and, consequently, Brother Clarke was known to very few of the present members of Grand Lodge. Very few members (not half a dozen) are here tonight that met with Brother Clarke when this Grand Lodge was called into existence. Some have gone to other lands, some there are whose first love has waxed cold, some are lying in beds of pain and some have fallen asleep.

"On the few faces left, the furrows are deepening, telling that autumn is coming on; the hair that was then black and glossy shows now the frosts of coming winter. Year by year those faces are fewer in number, and soon, very soon, none will be left. Viewing the steadily increasing harmony and prosperity of Masonry in this great North-West, need I ask you to keep in grateful remembrance the founders of this Grand Lodge."

Thus we tell the brethren of today some facts about our first Grand Master and after many years they will appear in the records of the Grand Lodge which he assisted in forming.

The second ranking officer in Grand Lodge is the Deputy Grand Master. At the inaugural communication held in 1875, William Nassau Kennedy was elected to this important office.

Brother Kennedy was born at Darlington, Ontario, on 27th April, 1839. He came to Winnipeg as a Lieutenant in the 60th Ontario Rifles which formed a part of the expeditionary force under General (Lord) Wolseley at the time of the Riel insurrection. After the disbandment of the forces Col. Kennedy remained in Winnipeg where he made his future home. He was closely allied with the early development of the City and participated in many of the pioneer undertakings. His first introduction to life in the West was of a military character and the early troubles following the entry of Manitoba into Confederation were constantly in his mind during the formative period of the Province.

Along with others who had been members of the Wolseley Expedition they looked with grave concern at the ever widening frontier and the danger of another outbreak by Indians and Metis. In this frame of mind these men directed their thoughts to the formation of a unit that would maintain an interest in the Militia tradition but in addition, and more particularly, provide mutual protection and security. In the forefront of this defensive movement was William Nassau Kennedy.

Shortly after his arrival in Winnipeg he commanded the Winnipeg Volunteer Company in the Fenian Raid of 1871. He was an experienced officer of both artillery and infantry and had a military background.

In the summer of 1883 he was sent as an emmissary to Ottawa to obtain permission to organize a regiment of militia at Winnipeg. Authority was granted by the Dominion Government and on the 9th November, 1883, the Regiment was officially gazetted as the 90th Battalion of Rifles with Lieut. Colonel W. N. Kennedy as its first Commanding Officer. This was the beginning of the famous "Little Black Devils".

But let us retrace our steps and look at Bro. Kennedy's activities from another angle. In civilian life he was appointed Registrar of Deeds for the City and County in 1872. The year following, 1873, he was called to the Executive Council for the North-West Territory. In 1875 he .was elected by the citizens of the City of Winnipeg as Mayor and in 1876 he was re-elected for a second term. His service was evidently satisfactory because he was nominated in 1877 for a third term but he withdrew his name before election day.

During his tenure of office as Mayor of the City he was delegated to wait upon the Government in connection with a proposed railway project and on his return from Ottawa made his report which in part said; "No influence that can be brought to bear will prevent Winnipeg from being one of the principal cities of the Dominion. A leading and far seeing member of the Montreal Board of Trade, the other day in writing about Winnipeg said that in 1900 the population of Winnipeg will probably be 200,000 and I do not think he was far astray. Nature has done a great deal for Winnipeg, let us do the rest."

In the musical world Bro. Kennedy was President of the Philharmonic Society. Working for the development of the West we find he was one of the promoters of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway and Vice-President of the Manitoba and Hudson's Bay Railway Company.

With all these outside activities and under the stress of public office, William Nassau Kennedy was a distinguished and energetic Freemason.

He was a Charter Member of Prince Rupert's Lodge and brought a certificate of membership from Corinthian Lodge No. 101. G.R. of Canada as his document of good standing. In the year 1873 he was elected Worshipful Master of Prince Rupert's Lodge. We also find he held membership in Lisgar Lodge No. 2 and was a Charter

Member of King Solomon Lodge No. 8, meeting at Morris. As already indicated he was elected Deputy Grand Master when the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was instituted in 1875 and was elected our second Grand Master in 1876.

In the year 1884 in response to a request from his old leader in the Red River Campaign, Sir Garnet Wolseley, he organized and took command of the Canadian Voyageurs who were engaged to transport Wolseley's Nile Expedition for the relief of General Gordon at Khartum. This assignment being successfully completed the group of Voyageurs were released from further duty on the Nile.

En route home Colonel Kennedy contracted small pox at Dongola, Egypt. He was hurriedly rushed to Highgate Hospital, London, England, but medical skill could not save our distinguished brother. The earthly career of a great Canadian, a brave and gallant soldier and a beloved Freemason closed on 3rd May, 1885.

Lord Wolseley telegraphed from Saukim the extreme regret with which he had heard of his brave officer's death and requested Colonel Alleyne, under whose orders the Voyageurs were so frequently employed on the Nile, to represent him at the funeral.

H.R.H. the Field Marshall, Commander-in-Chief, (Duke of Cambridge) and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were also by express order represented. His remains were accorded a military funeral; 300 men of Essex Regiment, with the band and drums being detailed for service at the cemetery.

The Queen, in a letter which her Majesty caused to be sent to the Voyageurs, gave expression to her regret, and as a mark of her appreciation of Colonel Kennedy's services, bestowed a pension of £50. per annum on the widow and an allowance of £12. per annum on each of the children of the deceased officer.

Colonel Kennedy is buried in Highgate Cemetery, London, England.

We read in the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the year 1886 this brief reference which formed a part of the address of the Grand Master. "Death, that grim tyrant, has again laid his heavy hand upon us. Since our last Annual Communication, our beloved brother and Past Grand Master, Lieut.-Col. W. N. Kennedy, has been summoned to the Grand Lodge above. In the defence of our Mother Country's rights, he gallantly offered his services in the Soudan Campaign, which were accepted. Having honorably served there, so far as lay in his power, he started for home; but death—that grim oppressor—laid his heavy hand upon him and demanded of him to surrender that which we poor mortals deem most dear—Life."

At the time the sad information reached Winnipeg the Board of Purposes appointed a special committee to prepare an address of condolence to the family and this is the message sent to Mrs. Kennedy.

"The Board of General Purposes, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. desire to express the very deep regret with which they have heard of the death of your husband, their respected and beloved brother and Senior Past Grand Master. During the many years of his connection with our Order he had won for himself the highest esteem and warmest affection of every Freemason in the Jurisdiction."

"Those of us who can look back to the infancy of Freemasonry in this country, will remember with what unflagging zeal and untiring energy our late brother devoted himself to laying the foundations of the Craft in this new land and when these foundations were securely laid, still his interest in no degree abated, but ever continued as keen and full of energy as that of the very youngest Mason among us."

"During all his intercourse with the members of our Order, our dear brother displayed a kindliness of disposition, a cordiality of manner, and a sincerity of feeling which made him the personal friend of every Mason whom he met. To all who knew him, he was the lively embodiment of true Masonic charity."

"In the midst of our sense of loss and bereavement it is a source of comfort to know that our brother met his death, as every true Mason desires to do—in the path of duty—and that, ere he died, he had earned the grateful thanks of his Queen and Nation for his valuable services and his unflinching devotion in his country's cause."

"We are further comforted by the assurance that during all his life he had faithfully and consistently served the King of Kings and that he has reserved the Crown of everlasting joy which awaits every true-hearted Mason in the Grand Lodge above."

"We respectfully tender to you this expression of the deep and heartfelt sympathy for you and your family in this your great affliction."

This is the record of the brother who was elected our First Deputy Grand Master, a true Freemason, a valiant soldier, a patriotic citizen, a man whom we are proud to name our brother.

When the convention to discuss the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Manitoba met in the Spring of 1875, Brother James Henderson of Ancient Landmark Lodge was elected to preside over the gathering. This honor came to him because he was the senior Past Master in attendance. There can be little doubt that he was one of the moving spirits working toward the creation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge for the Province. Not only does his name appear as one of the signatories to the circular calling the convention but he was chosen as a member of the Credential Committee.

After the resolution to constitute the Grand Lodge of Manitoba had been passed the election of officers followed and James Henderson was elected Senior Grand

Warden. By virtue of his seniority he installed the first Grand Master into office.

James Henderson was born at Paisley, Scotland, on 29th September, 1846, and came to Canada along with his parents in 1852. He was brought up and attended school in Montreal. He served with a Montreal regiment during the Fenian Raid of 1869. He was initiated into Freemasonry in Zetland Lodge No. 21—G.R.C. meeting at Montreal and filled the offices of Secretary and Wardens during his membership in his Mother Lodge. He was installed as Master of this Lodge in December, 1870. In the course of the year 1871, while occupying the office of Master of Zetland Lodge, Brother Henderson pulled up stakes and set his face towards the West. At an emergent meeting of Zetland Lodge held on 31st August, 1871 the members presented their Master with a handsome Past Master's Jewel in token of their respect and esteem on the occasion of his departure.

Upon his arrival at Winnipeg he was greeted by an enthusiastic and enterprising circle of Masonic brethren. Having relinquished the gavel of office while still presiding as Master of Zetland Lodge in Montreal it is not surprising that he joined a group of Winnipeg brethren who were endeavouring to open a second Lodge in the rapidly growing town.

His first association with Freemasonry in Winnipeg was by affiliation on 19th December, 1871, with Prince Rupert's Lodge. This membership was continued until 21st March, 1876, when he demitted. Our records also show that he affiliated with Lisgar Lodge No. 2, on 4th December, 1871, but demitted on 5th May, 1873. No doubt the distance from his home would not permit a very active membership in this Lodge.

James Henderson was the prime mover in the effort which brought Ancient Landmark Lodge into existence. This event was not consumated without some irritating delays. These, however, were subsequently overcome and a dispensation was issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada on 19th September, 1872. Brother Henderson was its first Worshipful Master. In making report to Grand Lodge in 1873 the D.D.G.M. for the Manitoba District made a very favorable comment on the work of W. Bro. Henderson and recommended that a Charter be issued to Ancient Landmark Lodge.

At the organization meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba held in 1875, James Henderson, was elected our first Senior Grand Warden. When the Annual Communication was held in 1876 he was elected Deputy Grand Master and again in 1877 he was re-elected to the same office. For some reason not disclosed in the records of Grand Lodge he voluntarily relinquished office in 1878 and would not allow his name to go into nomination.

We can form our individual conclusion as to this circumstance by examining a resolution passed by Grand Lodge at the time.

"Resolved that this Grand Lodge, having heard the explanation of R.W. Bro. Henderson deem those reasons satisfactory, and would wish to express their regret at his retirement from official position in Grand Lodge, and would further wish to record their hearty appreciation of his untiring energy in performing the duties of Deputy Grand Master and as President of the Board of General Purposes, and their belief that he has done all that could be done to promote the prosperity of the Craft; and that this Grand Lodge believe that he has in no case acted in an unconstitutional manner or transgressed the spirit of Masonry."

The regrets contained in this pronouncement by Grand Lodge brought a further expression of confidence in another direction a few weeks later, when several members of the Craft met to honor R.W. Bro. Henderson. The record reads, "A number of the Masonic fraternity of Winnipeg gathered at the Windsor House on the evening of 2nd August, 1878, the occasion being a dinner to

R.W. Bro. James Henderson, P.D.G.M. given by the members of Ancient Landmark Lodge; St. John's Lodge; Hiram Lodge and Assiniboine Lodge, on his retirement from the office of Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother J. H. Bell, Grand Secretary, on behalf of the members of these Lodges presented R.W. Bro. Henderson with a handsome silver breakfast and tea set bearing the following inscription, "Presented to R.W. Bro. Jas. Henderson, P.D.G.M by the brethren of Lodges No's. 3, 4, 5 and 7., A.F. & A.M. 1878. In addition to the silver set an address was also presented. This read:

"The undersigned, on behalf of the brethren hailing from nearly every Masonic Lodge in the Province of Manitoba, hearing with regret, of your voluntary retirement from the position of Deputy Grand Master, which high office you have filled with much profit to the Craft and credit to yourself, from the organization of Manitoba Grand Lodge, till now, cannot permit the occasion to pass without expressing to you the sincere regret they feel at the step you have thought proper to take, appreciating as they do the loss your service will prove to the noble Order you have done so much to build up in the Province during the eight years you have been in active connection therewith."

"Although you have declined to hold prominent position you have so long and worthily filled, permit us to express the hope that the Craft in the Province, which has benefited so much already from your ripe Masonic knowledge, may continue to receive the assistance of your councel, which, on all questions of Masonic Jurisprudence, has been most valuable."

"Be good enough to accept this trifling tangible evidence of our appreciation of the value of the services you have, often at great personal inconvenience and loss, been ever willing to render the Craft."

"May your estimable wife and family long continue to enjoy the blessings that spring from well-spent lives, and secure the approval of the G.A. of the U. is the prayer of, I. M. McGregor, W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge; H. McGowan, W.M. St. John's Lodge; Jas. Munroe, W.M. Hiram Lodge; R. McQuaig, W.M. Assiniboine Lodge."

In acknowledging this tribute from his brothers in Freemasonry, Brother Henderson thanked the subscribers to the testimonial and gave his assurance of a continued interest in the welfare of Grand Lodge.

Whatever the cause of Brother Henderson's retirement from office we must recognize his continued activity in Masonic affairs throughout the years. His attendance at succeeding Annual Communications gives ample evidence that no bitterness was carried over. Furthermore, in what seems to have been an emergency he was elected and served as Grand Secretary for the year 1881.

In the business circles of Western Canada the name "Henderson" is known to every commercial establishment and this is a legacy bequeathed by James Henderson our first Senior Grand Warden. When the population of the country was meagre and widely scattered communities were dotted over the vast stretches of this prairie land, Henderson's Directory was the "vade mecum" to the man who desired to open business connections with our pioneer dealers. It was a necessity then even as we find it today and was of inestimable value in locating places and names in solitary places.

The end came to our beloved founding brother on 10th October, 1919 at Los Angeles, California, at the age of 73. His remains were cremated and returned to the City of his adoption and buried in St. John's Cemetery in Winnipeg.

We come now to the fourth notable who contributed much at the time Grand Lodge was instituted and whose influence carried a great deal of weight during the formative period. John Headly Bell was a native of Western Ontario, born in London township on 6th September, 1840. He received his education in the public and high schools of his native town and for several years was connected with a business college in the Forest City. He left for Manitoba in May, 1871. On arriving in Winnipeg he settled on a farm in Kildonan on the east bank of the Red River where he lived for many years. He entered the service of J. H. Ashdown and for a considerable period occupied the position of head bookkeeper. On resigning from the hardware business he removed with his family to a homestead at Roseland near Brandon.

While residing in Kildonan he took an active interest in Municipal affairs and was a member of the first Council organized under the Provincial Statutes. In 1883, during the brief period of the existence of County Councils in Manitoba, he was Warden of a group of municipalities in the County of Kildonan.

Our brother was elected for the Constituency of Springfield in the Provincial Legislature in 1883 and continued as a member of the House until the next general election. He did not seek re-election.

Brother Bell was a well known figure in Winnipeg and was prominently identified with the Industrial Exhibition which was an important institution in the early days. When the Local Legislature was in session each winter he attended the sittings in the capacity of Assistant Clerk of the House and was also chief of the Sessional writers.

The Masonic career of John Headly Bell commenced in St. John's Lodge No. 20, Grand Lodge of Canada meeting at London, Ontario. He was initiated in that Lodge on 10th April, 1860. As we have already indicated he arrived in Winnipeg in May, 1871 and on 16th of December, 1872, he affiliated with Ancient Landmark Lodge by certificate from St. John's Lodge No. 20 G.R.C., and served as Worshipful Master in 1874 and 1875.

At the opening meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1875, Brother Bell was elected our First Grand

Secretary and continued to serve in that office until the year 1879. He was elected Grand Master in 1880 and re-elected in 1881-1882-1883 and 1884.

To fully appreciate the contribution of John Headley Bell to this Grand Lodge one need only read the printed Proceedings for the first decade of our existence. Page after page indicates the devotion of this talented Mason. The inauguration of a Masonic Library followed the report he submitted in 1877, which, in part, reads, "Your Grand Secretary would strongly urge upon the Grand Lodge the propriety of organizing a Masonic Library for the benefit of the Craft in this Jurisdiction."

In 1886, the then Grand Master presented to Brother Bell a gold jewel with appropriate inscription and a beautifully engrossed address reading: "We the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the meeting of Grand Lodge to express our deep appreciation of the valuable services which you have rendered to our Grand Lodge during your five years' term of office."

"We feel that the Craft in general, owe you a lasting debt of gratitude for the zeal and interest which you have always displayed in its welfare, and the members of the Order in coming generations will recognize the sure foundation stories which you placed under the Masonic temple in our Jurisdiction."

"The numerous Lodges which were Constituted under your regime are a convincing proof of the progress and strides made in this new land by Masonry under your fostering care. The Brethren recall with pleasure that no less than twenty Lodges received their warrants from you, and upwards of 886 members were initiated into our Order while you occupied the distinguished chair in the Grand East. Your well maintained Masonic enthusiasm served as a beacon light to animate many Brethren who are now themselves bright lights in the Order."

"We beg you to accept the accompanying jewel as a slight token of our recognition of the great good rendered by you to the cause of Masonry, and we pray the Great Architect of the Universe that you may be spared for many years to enjoy the esteem and confidence of your Brethren."

About ten years after the eulogy was delivered John Headley Bell passed to the Grand Lodge above on March 16th, 1897. Two days later his remains were carried to Old Kildonan Cemetery and laid to rest among the pioneers of Manitoba.

The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Grand Lodge and a Special Communication was called for the purpose. The M.W. Grand Master Corbet Locke of Morden was delayed by the railroad service and only reached the Masonic Temple as the procession was moving off. In his absence, M.W. Brother Canon S. P. Matheson led in the Masonic funeral service. The cortege was a long one and in the following order, Grand Tyler, J. C. McBride with sword, Stewards, H. J. Eberts and J. O. Smith; Master Masons, Wardens of Lodges, Worshipful Masters, Members of Royal Arch Masonry, D. W. McDermid with open Bible, Grand Master Corbet Locke; Deputy Grand Master John Leslie; J. Chambers and C. H. Enderton, Grand Deacons. The hearse and pall-bearers. Rev. Canon Matheson, Rev. Dean O'Meara, W. G. Bell, and C. N. Bell, Past Grand Masters, J. W. Harris, President of the Board of General Purposes, W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Chief Mourners, Mrs. J. H. Bell, widow, sons and daughters, John McDougall, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislature, Premier Greenway and members of the Legislature, Civil servants and the Sessional writers in carriage.

Reference to the death of this distinguished Brother is contained in the Grand Master's address (1897) which reads: "Most Worshipful Brother Bell enjoyed the distinction of being Governor of the Craft for a longer term than that of any other who has held that office, having been Grand Master for five years. This in itself is a monument to his worth for had it not been for his eminent fitness and conscientious discharge of his duties he surely would not have, as he did, time and again, received at the hands of the Craft the greatest honors it was in their power to confer on him."

"Those were the days of the infancy of Masonry in Manitoba, and had it not been for the broad and deep lines then well laid by him, the superstructure now erected would not have stood upon such a firm foundation."

The first of the British Grand Lodges to extend fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This warrant was received in 1885 and John H. Bell was the first representative to assume that important appointment.

We have briefly sketched the activities of the four Brethren by whose guidance and direction our Grand Lodge was brought into existance, Seventy-five years ago. They were representative of the sturdy pioneers who set up the altar of Freemasonry on the frontier of this commonwealth. There were handicaps and discouragements to be met, but with resolute determination the founding Brethren built a structure that has weathered every storm. As Joseph Fort Newton so aptly wrote, "they were the men of faith who builded better than they knew, as men of faith always do." They believed in the future, in the growth of large things from small beginnings, and in the principals of Masonry as the true foundation of society and fortress of a free state."

We have directed attention to the quality of leadership which brought this Grand Lodge into being. There is abundant evidence that the work begun in 1875 has been amply developed over the past three quarters of a century and it is fitting we should honor the foundation builders for their initial effort. They had wide horizons, both spiritually and physically. By their work the

Masonic Lodge reached many Frontier towns and isolated places long before the ribbon of steel carried passengers on a railroad train to the spot.

There is a tendancy in some quarters to regard Grand Lodge as a piece of machinery; an institution, colorless and lifeless. This is a weird and unreal conception. Grand Lodge is the sum total of the individuals coming from every Constituent Lodge. The men who compose Grand Lodge are ordinary individuals and over the years they have made a worth-while contribution in the name of Masonry and as representative citizens in every walk of life.

Today we pay homage to the men who gave us Grand Lodge. We pay tribute to their grit, their valor, their refusal to say die. In every Grand Lodge and in every Constituent Lodge we need a day of commemoration in tribute to the multitude of Masons, forgotten of fame and unsung by poetry, who by love and loyalty, built themselves into the Temple and have left their marks upon it. They are the real builders of the Temple, as it stands in the sunlight, or touched by the sweet mysticism of the night; into their labors the Craft entered and because of their faithfulness we have a finer, a firmer faith.

We have passed our Seventy-fifth anniversary. Let us therefore at this Annual Communication and in the days that lie ahead, raise a shrine within our hearts and render a fitting tribute to the men of 1875. They were great men, they were devoted Craftsmen, they delivered to us a heritage. May we deserve what has been bequeathed to us.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Grand Historian.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report as follows:

Your Committee has not been called upon during the past year for any opinions except as to whether the proposed amendments to be submitted to Grand Lodge at the present communication were proper as to form and content.

Your Committee finds that the proposed amendments to the following Sections of the Constitution of Grand Lodge are proper as to form and content, namely amendments to Section 2, Section 7, Section 41, Section 51, Section 64, Section 81, Section 82, Section 86, Section 92 (two amendments) and Section 132m.

Fraternally submitted,

S. HART GREEN
Chairman, Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee of Foreign Relations begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee has received several applications for Fraternal recognition during the year, but in no one of them has our enquiries advanced sufficiently to enable us to make any definite recommendations.

These applications come from—The Grand Lodge National of Columbia; The Grand Lodge of Minas Cerais, Brazil; The Grand Orient of Italy; The Grand Lodge of Sweden; The Grand Lodge of Israel; and the newly formed Grand Lodge of China.

All such applications indicate an inspiring and energetic activity on the part of Masons to establish the principals of the Craft in a consolidated relationship throughout the world, and are efforts which have our sympathy and encouragement.

However the establishment of Masonry in any part of the world can only be affected when political conditions enable the citizens an untrammelled exercise of their religious and political convictions, and for that reason alone the progress of widening our circle of fraternal recognitions must of necessity be of slow growth.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN J. BLACK,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) who moved its adoption, seconded by V.W. Bro. F. R. Sutton (4). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Correspondence fraternally submits its annual report on the reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions with which the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is in fraternal relations.

Many interesting things will be found in this report that will be informative as to the activities of the various Grand Lodges.

There is a marked resemblance between the problems occurring in the various Grand Lodges. The idea that large membership in Lodges is a desirable thing is changing, it appearing that smaller membership leads to greater interest and better attendance.

The requirement of proficiency in degree work and the Constitution by the W.M., S.W., and J.W., is a point that is commonly discussed by numerous Jurisdictions and that schools of Instruction with examinations for incoming Officers should be formed.

In conclusion it should be said that, while it would appear that there has been a slight abatement in the rush of candidates that was so noticeable for a few years past, there is an encouraging record of growth of both membership and Lodges.

It is hoped that these Reviews may be made available to the general membership of the Lodges, not merely to the Master and Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93). Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Harry Coddington called the Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 12:15 p.m. to attend the Luncheon given under the auspices of The Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

A complimentary Luncheon was provided for the out-of-town Brethren and Distinguished Guests by the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg, supported by the Lodges in the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, and Kildonan, The Dormer and Seven Oaks Lodges in the Tenth Masonic District.

Luncheon was served at 12:30 noon. R.W. Bro. Leslie C. Welsh (139) President of the Past Masters' Association was Chairman. The guest speaker was M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who gave a very thoughtful and interesting Address.

M.W. Bro. Donnelly was introduced to the Brethren by R.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) in a very able manner, received the undivided and interested attention of all present and was thanked for his inspiring and thought-provoking address by V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139).

R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh proposed the Toast to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, who thanked the President very sincerely for his kind words.

A number of very fine solos were rendered by Bro. Roy Firth which were greatly enjoyed by the Brethren.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatsky (8) thanked the Past Masters' Association and through them the host Lodges in a most eloquent manner for the fine Banquet, the excellent address of M.W. Bro. Donnelly and the enjoyable singing of Bro. Firth.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Right Worshipful Brother Chairman, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

At our Grand Lodge Communication, and especially at this Luncheon, we look forward to the presence of able and distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. We enjoy the privilege of hearing new voices, and of receiving the benefit of the thought and experience of Brethren from other parts of Canada and of the United States. I can understand, therefore, that there may be some disappointment on your part in finding that your speaker is one whom you have heard before, and whose voice and features (however attractive—or otherwise) are familiar to you. That, indeed, was one of the reasons that made me hesitant about accepting this honor and this responsibility. It is an honor, and it is a responsibility which I have undertaken with a good deal of trepidation.

The theme out of which my remarks will grow seems to be naturally set by the circumstances under which we meet. Our Seventy-fifth Anniversary is for us here a most important occasion, and fitting reference to it has already been made in our Communication. I do not wish to deal with the historical sequence of events. Rather I wish to remind you of the significance of this Anniversary, and what it can mean to us here as Freemasons.

Today one might be tempted to dwell in the past. It is right that we should honor those who have carried on the work of Freemasonry in former years, and pay tribute to their devotion and vision. And we mourn those who have lived their day and passed on. There is something of sadness in an occasion like this, when we remember, as so many of us do, those stalwart men who helped to build well the Temple of Freemasonry, and who are with us no more. Some of them we hoped would be with us today. We may even be resentful at the swift running out of the sands of time. You will remember those mournful lines of Thomas Moore:

> "When I remember all the friends so linked together.
> I've seen around me fall, like leaves in wintry weather,
> I feel like one who treads alone some banquet-hall deserted,
> Whose lights are fled, whose garlands dead,
> And all but he departed.
> Thus in th stilly night, ere slumber's chain has bound me,
> Sad mem'ry brings the light of other days around me."

That mood we can understand. It has come to all of us in the disappointments, the long partings, in the fading of old customs and standards, and it brings a feeling of insecurity and defeat. That is one way of looking at the past.

But there is another and a nobler view. It is expressed by Browning:

> "Grow old along with me!
> The best is yet to be,
> The last of life, for which the first was made:
> Our times are in His hand.
> Who saith' a whole I planned,
> Youth shows but half; trust God: see all, nor be afraid!"

To look back on the past with mournful regrets means the end of growth. To look forward, even a short distance, but forward, trusting where we cannot see, following the way with hope and confidence, that is the way of growing power.That is the great message of our Seventy-fifth Anniversary. That is what I trust we shall do at this Grand Communication—look forward with faith.

All we have in Freemasonry comes out of the past. We reach back over the generations and find the ideals, standards and traditions that we call our "Landmarks." These we are pledged to maintain. We are to suffer no innovation in the body of Freemasonry. We are bound by tradition and the customs of the past.

Strangely enough, though this would appear to make a particularly rigid system, which might degenerate into an historical relic, this system has within it powers and possibilities of adaptation and growth which are not the characteristics of some dead thing, but of a living organism.

Through all the changing developments of human society, Freemasonry goes on, unchanged, carrying the same message. What it meant to our Brethren of Seventy-five years ago it means to us now. Yet in that time the isolated settlement has become a busy city, the great westland has been opened up with cities, towns and villages connected by a vast system of communication.

Go back further, over the two hundred and twenty-five years since Speculative Freemasonry began to delop, and see how it has lived and grown amid vast changes and developments.

In that time the whole world has been reshaped. Canada was won for the British Crown and rose to take her place among the nations of the world. During that time the American colonies established their independence, and began the vigorous growth which has brought them to world leadership. In Europe, deep rivalries brought bitter wars, regrouping of peoples, changes in national boundaries, the rise and fall of powerful nations. There were times of Napoleon, the scourge of Europe; Trafalgar; Waterloo; the struggles with Spain; World conflicts that have shaken humanity. Long channels of world discovery and commerce were established. There came the Industrial Revolution, out of which emerged the bitter struggle for a new conception of human rights, new ideals of the function of Government, and vast social changes that are still reshaping society.

Then, too, it has been the period of scientific development such as the human mind could not have foreseen, the steam engine, applications of electricity, conquest of the air, atomic fission, ever new successes in the war on disease and human suffering.

Through it all Freemasonry has lived and grown. Quietly and steadily it has progressed from its humble beginnings to provide a steadying influence amid the changing needs of humanity. No mere historical relic could do that, only something with a vitality that meets the deeper needs of man could endure.

Now the reason is simply this, Freemasonry is based on principles that are not local or sectional, not limited to time or circumstance, but fundamental, universal, applicable to men of every rank, condition, race or creed, that mean the same thing to Moslem, Hindu, Jew or Christian—to all men who acknowledge God as the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. When we speak of "the universality of Science," I feel that we do not mean only that it has spread over the four divisions of the globe. I like to think that it is universal because it presents simple unchangeable truths on which any life can be built, Faith, Hope, Charity, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. All these, though discredited in some quarters, remain as the basic essentials of the good life. I can conceive of no organization, no system of human society that hopes to lift man out of barbarism, fullfilling its highest purpose without keeping faith with these fundamental ideals. And only as our Freemasonry, though shaped by the traditions of the past, helps men to understand them and live by them, will it justify the loyalty we bring to it.

The impulse that led our Brethren to establish Freemasonry here and set up a Grand Lodge Seventy-five years ago was the need for fellowship. "Brotherly Love" we call it, but perhaps a better description would be "the right relations between men." It is true that this relationship has not always been one of harmony and goodwill. Our own Grand Lodge, shortly after its formation, was divided by a dispute whose effects were felt for years afterwards. We have known Lodges that have been split into rival factions, and Brethren who, forgetting their obligations, have allowed bitterness to grow between them. That we know, but this right relationship is basic in our teaching, without it we could not exist. We are not held together, as some organizations are, by some ambitious enterprise devised for their own glory. We are not organized in a common hatred towards any movement or group. That which holds us together in the most tenuous yet the strongest bond between men, a mutual respect and a faith in each other.

Brethren, do you realize how precious that is? It is a very simple, basic ideal. But what we have as Freemasons the world has been trying to secure for centuries. Men have tried alliances, treaties, war to end war, war to make the world safe for democracy, war to protect men from fear. We have had our League of Nations, our United Nations, men who have planned, hoped, died, that this right relationship could be established, and still the tide of mistrust rises. We have petitions for peace coming to us, petitions to ban the atomic bomb. Even apart from the fact that their source and purpose are deeply suspect, they are dealing with comparative trivialities, and do not meet the real problem.

How can there be peace, the right relationship between men, when there is poured into the minds of millions a venomous stream of hate, when even the children are taught to hate peoples about whom they know nothing, when every diplomatic move, every internal achievement in industry, science, invention, even art, is dedicated to the God of Hate, when whole peoples are held together by this one tie—fear and hate? And then they talk of peace!

But let us not look on other peoples with too much self-righteous superiority. I think of our blunders in the past, our lordly superior attitude towards other races. I am not sure that we have always deserved the trust of other peoples. But the important thing for us is this, that we understand what is true Brotherly Love, about which we talk so glibly, and that we make it a definite and positive characteristic in our own lives. As Freemasons we must be able to meet ignorance with understanding, mistrust without bitterness, and hatred with a determination to hold fast to truth, and prove that it cannot be broken. At the same time to work with quiet devotion for the defeat of all the unworthy elements in our society.

Judge Eternal, throned in splendor,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
With Thy living fire of judgment
Purge this land of bitter things;
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of Thy wings.

Whether or not our Brethren of Seventy-five years ago were fully conscious of the wider need of this fellowship I do not know. They knew its value for themselves, and because of their belief they established it for us. Now with clearer vision, and with an ever deepening understanding of its meaning, we know that their work was not in vain. We, in a world of which they never dreamed are only beginning to know its value and realize its significance.

But this fellowship needs a positive direction. It cannot remain a mere pleasant imagination, a good natured easygoing familiarity. Our Freemasonry does not intend it for that. It is a fellowship of common purpose.

When candidates are admitted to our membership we set before them an ideal—to build the Temple of Life. We try to send them out equipped to build that Temple, perfect in its parts. In other words, we strive to generate in them a faith in their own possibilities and in the possibilities of human development.

It required a great faith on the part of our Brethren to plant Freemasonry in this isolated spot. Some there were who doubted that it would take root here. But those who knew and understood their Freemasonry were not afraid to make the venture.

Brethren, it must be part of our fundamental belief that there are ever higher levels to which we can reach. Men of vision in all ages past have dreamed of such achievements, and that in times when others had never felt that such ideals existed. Long ago, in a cruder society that we can realize one such man of vision said:

> "'And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

That was many centuries ago, yet the realization seems as far off as ever. But the hope and faith are still here, and we know that we must not abandon them.

Dare we, then, as Freemasons, hold to that faith in the absolute rightness of our ideals, and in the necessity for that true fellowship of which I have spoken? Are we courageous enough to live under its influence and make it a guiding principle of our lives; to believe that honor, integrity justice, mercy, are man's noblest striving? Life is a drifting useless thing unless it holds fast to some guiding truth and some high destiny. Yes, to lift it higher still; to feel that we can break through that shell that divides us from God Himself, and catch even a fugitive glimpse of His purpose.

That is the challenge that comes to us out of the past, and in loyalty to these Brethren we cannot fail them. We shall not be content merely to inherit their achievements. That is the surest way to lose them. We must shape them to the needs of our own lives and use them as foundation stones to build ever nobler temples.

There is a story in the annals of the British Navy that tells of a British Destroyer anchored in a harbor in the West Indies along with five ships of different nationnalities. Suddenly a furious storm arose, and the wind and the huge waves were beating straight into the harbor. Then the British Captain, lifting anchor, sailed out, right into the teeth of the storm. Two days later he returned, battered but triumphant, and found the other five ships wrecked, driven up on the foreshore by the wind and waves he had challenged so gallantly. The only ship that was safe was the one that had dared to face the storm.

Brethren, let us go out and face the indifference and the opposition of scheming self-interest, and keep our simple faith in the ideals of true brotherhood.

"These things shall be: a loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known, shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls
And Light of knowledge in their eyes.
They shall be gentle, brave and strong,
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man's lordship firm
On earth, and fire, and sea, and air.
Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity."

Thursday, August 10th, 1950

Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 2:45 p.m. by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry begs to submit the following report:

The information of your Committee is obtained chiefly from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and added to the observations of the members of the Committee, we are pleased to record that Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is in a sound and healthy condition, and that harmony prevails. The growth in membership continues, but it is disappointing that there has been no improvement in the average attendance at Lodge meetings, which remains at approximately thirty per cent.

Your Committee has had three meetings with the District Deputy Grand Masters to acquaint them with their duties and assist them with the experience of previous years. These conferences have been enthusiastically attended by the new representatives of the Grand Master, and we hope will be continued, particularly the one held on the Friday immediately following the close of the Annual Communication.

The work of the Committee has been hampered by the delay in receiving some of the reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters. These reports should be forwarded within ten days after each official visit, and all should be in our hands early in April of each year. In one instance the official visit to a Lodge was left far too late.

It was very pleasing to notice that the Lodges in the Twelfth Masonic District had all their Principal Officers in attendance at the last Annual Communication. This is as it should be. Grand Lodge consists of the representatives from its Constituent Lodges, and as many as possible should attend from each Lodge. Certainly every Lodge should at least be represented by its Principal Officers. We hope this will be so at our 75th Communication. Last year some Lodges were not represented at all.

Many fine District Meetings were held, whilst others particularly in attendance, could show improvement. At these meetings one of the most important items are the Lodge reports, and more attention might well be paid to their preparation and reception. These reports are of non-statistical nature, and we were interested in and commend the following Lodge activities. supporting or maintaining a ward in a hospital; individual members write non-resident members at Christmas; reading old minutes of meeting 25 years previous; Lodge visitations; special instruction to new members; scholarship for students; special evenings; short Masonic talks at each regular meeting; and study clubs.

We recommend to all future District Deputy Grand Masters, the practice of First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, of having regular meetings at frequent intervals with the three principal Officers and Secretaries of all Lodges in their District. These meetings will perform a useful purpose in creating a greater interest and enthusiasm in Lodges, District and Grand Lodge Communications.

The majority of the Lodges are still without Study clubs or groups. Instruction within the Lodge is designed to serve this purpose, but there is besides, the need for extended study and reflection. In this connection we commend those Lodges who continue this activity with vigor and enthusiasm. "The Assiniboine Lodge" No 114 has an average attendance of fifty at their monthly study club meetings, and whilst some of the subjects are of a topical nature, it is interesting to learn that the attendance is always larger when there is an informative Masonic address.

There are still a large number of Lodges who have not their Historical registers up-to-date. Many of the Lodges are comparatively young and therefore close in time to the history of their beginnings. Perhaps it is on this account they fail to appreciate the necessity for or the value of this record. Surely every Lodge, whose record is not in proper shape, has at least one brother who would be able and delighted to bring this Historical record up-to-date. Once this has been done, we suggest, that it be written up annually and presented in

Lodge early in the following year. This would prove intensely interesting to the Brethren particularly to those who have come into the Craft in the last few years.

We were rather surprised that none of the District Deputy Grand Masters commented on the five booklets, which were issued in January 1949 by the Committee of Research and Education, and which met with such universal approval. This confirms our opinion that many of the Lodges are not making the best possible use of these very excellent books. Your Committee recommends that Nos. 2, 3 and 4 be presented to each candidate after the last Charge in each degree. If this is properly done with a few suitable explanations about the degree, it will be much more impressive than just handing or mailing them out. Where this practice is followed it has been very favorably commented upon.

This Committee has ample evidence of the improvement of the general condition of Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction through the activities of the Committee on Research and Education. This has been made possible by the increase of funds available for this purpose. All these activities will be fully covered in the report of that Committee. We only refer to some of them here: the Library; "Masonry in Manitoba"; area or regional meetings; the booklets already referred to; and the supplying of speakers drawn from a panel made up early in the year. The demand for these speakers exceeded the expectations of that Committee, and we strongly urge all Lodges to take advantage of this opportunity, by requesting at least one speaker during the coming year.

A few Lodges have not had their books audited. It is important that this be attended to soon as possible after the close of the year, so that a proper financial statement can be submitted to the Lodge early in the new year.

The housekeeping in most Lodge rooms is excellent. However, in a few cases an improvement could be affected. It is not conducive to an efficient meeting to have the Lodge room cluttered up with hats, coats, apron cases, and so on all over the place.

On the second page of Grand Lodge proceedings the following special notice is printed: "On receipt of this copy the Master will arrange to have such portions of the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, as he may desire, read at the first Regular Meeting of the Lodge thereafter. He should also arrange for the reading of the reports or extracts therefrom, of the Standing Committees, at subsequent meetings. There are a great many Masters who overlook this opportunity of giving the Brethren a great deal of interesting, inspirational. and informative facts regarding the previous years activities of the combined constituent Lodges and of the Grand Lodge proceedings.

Generally speaking the work of the Lodge officers is well organized and effective. In a few Lodges the degree work is not up to the required standard, but this is evidently due to a lack of sufficient rehearsals. In some cases the ritual is given as a mechanical recitation, and more attention could be given to the intonation and clearness of delivery, one cannot expect interest to be maintained if the Brethren cannot hear what is being said.

There are a few Masters who lack confidence and appear unable to grasp Lodge management and leadership. This emphasizes the extreme care that should be exercised in selecting junior officers, if they are to ultimately occupy the Master's chair. Book No. 5, of the series mentioned before, has been prepared for the use of the Master, and will assist him to plan his meetings with vigor and dispatch. This book should also be in the hands of every Warden in preparation for the duties he may have to perform in the future.

There are still too many junior officers absent from their District meetings, and also their own Lodge meetings on the occasion of the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master. Every Master should arrange that all his officers are present at both these important meetings. The officers owe it as a duty to their Lodge and to themselves in order that they may be able in the future to assume greater responsibility.

Some Lodges suffer from not getting the sustained help and support from sufficient Past Masters, with the result that the responsibilities devolve on a few to control and direct into the proper channels the keenness and enthusiasm of the newer and younger members.

The members of a Lodge should be the moral and spiritual leaders in the community, and it is therefore most important that their conduct should always be above reproach and criticism. Only in this way will the right kind of men be attracted and seek membership in the Craft. In the same way social and other Lodge activities should be kept at a high standard.

Some of the Lodges are really too large for effectively carrying out their mission among their members. It seems that the larger a Lodge is, the poorer is their percentage attendance, not only at their own Lodge meetings but on visits to other Lodges as well.

Nearly all the Lodges do a certain amount of Lodge visitation. There are, however, some exceptions and their attention has been drawn to this by their respective District Deputy Grand Masters. A friendly, genial personality is more pronounced in the Lodges that do the most visiting.

All the Lodges might very well develop a more definite program for the instruction of the newer members in addition to the ordinary coaching that they now receive. It is also urged that all the Lodges "employ and instruct the Brethren" at every regular meeting by fifteen minute Masonic talks and discussions.

Two Lodges have important anniversaries this year; Prince Rupert's No. 1 their 80th, and St. John's No. 4 their 75th.

In reviewing the condition of Freemasonry for the past year your Committee records its sorrow and regret at the passing on July 1st, 1949 of our Grand Librarian—Most Worshipful Brother J. J. Henderson, whose contribution to this Jurisdiction in the past was constant and effective.

Your Committee express thanks to the District Deputy Grand Masters. Each one has performed his duties conscientiously and we appreciate the co-operation and contribution they have made.

We recommend that the following be given the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master in recognition of their efficient service during the past year:

R.W. Bro. Alex Campbell	First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. S. Harry Prowse	Second Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Herbert E. Hopkins	Third Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Edgar J. Jarvis	Fourth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. H. M. Spearin	Fifth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. G. H. Grant	Sixth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Herbert J. Jones	Seventh Masonic District
R.W. Bro. G. J. Long	Eighth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Caughlin	Ninth Masonic District
R.W Bro. John Norquay	Tenth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. David Milliken	Twelfth Masonic District

We missed during most of the year the guidance and direction of R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, the Chairman of this Committee, whose enforced absence through illness has been a source of regret and whose death on July 1st, 1950, "A great sorrow.' '

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

R. E. EMMETT,
Acting Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn (130). Carried.

MOTION RE HONORARY RANK

One of the constitutional privileges of this Grand Lodge is that of conferring upon Brethren who have rendered distinguished service to the Craft, Honorary Rank in this Grand Jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. R. R. Twamley of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota is a Brother who has consistently down through the years, rendered such service and one whose relations with this Grand Lodge have been of a most gratifying nature. It is therefore with real pleasure that I now move that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. do hereby confer upon M.W. Brother Ralph Russell Twamley, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

This motion was made by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25), seconded by M.W. Bro Wm. Douglas (4), and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Constitution and Revision submits the following report:

Pursuant to the request of the Board of General Purposes the Committee drafted amendments to the Constitution affecting two very important matters, namely:

(a) Amendments with respect to a proposed reorganization of the Grand Secretary's office.

This required amendments to Sections 2, 64, 81 and 82 of the Constitution.

(b) An amendment authorizing the Board to place a General Blanket Bond on the position of Secretary of all Constituent Lodges.

Pursuant to the request of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education an amendment was drafted to Section 86 of the Constitution defining the duties of the Grand Librarian.

The aforesaid amendments to be approved by Grand Lodge necessitated slight changes to sections 90 and 132 of the Constitution and amendments were duly drafted with respect thereto .

Your Committee also considered amendments proposed by certain other Brethren, the most important of which dealt with the election of a District Deputy Grand Master for each Masonic District and required amendments to sections 41 and 51 of the Constitution. Copies of all the aforesaid amendments were duly lodged with the proper official and proper notices of motion in respect thereof were given.

Your Committee wishes again to make it known to the various Lodges and to the Craft in general, if any matters arise, which in their opinion necessitate an amendment to the Constitution, they would be very glad to co-operate with them in working out any amendments that may be necessary. These suggestions should be forwarded to the Grand Lodge Office, Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, Manitoba, either in completed form or in the nature of a suggestion as to the difficulty they desire to overcome and your Committee will give the same careful consideration and co-operate in every way possible. It is again suggested that this should be done as early in the Masonic year as possible.

Your Committee expresses its regret that the Most Worshipful the Grand Secretary, who has always been most helpful, again suffered a severe illness during this past year and extends its wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

The undersigned, as Chairman, wishes to extend thanks to other Members of the Committee, The Board of General Purposes, the various officers of Grand Lodge and to the Craft in general for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

K. R. KENNEDY,
Chairman, The Committee on Constitution and Revision.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4), who moved its adoption, seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to report as follows:

It is with profound sorrow that we record the passing of our beloved Brother, M.W. Brother J. James Henderson, who passed to his reward on July 1st, 1949. The short time that he was Librarian he endeared himself to all who sought his help. He had a wide knowledge of Freemasonry and it was always a joy for him to aid and advise the seeker after light. Our Grand Lodge is the richer in Masonic spirit through his service and influence.

During the past year, your Committee has been busy carrying on the many activities for which it is responsible, and adding others whenever possible.

The monthly Masonic Paper issued by the Committee to every member of the Craft in Manitoba continues to carry messages of Masonic interest and has developed into one of the chief efforts of this Committee. We have heard many favorable comments and expressions of appreciation and we feel that "Masonry in Manitoba" is received with great interest and widely read. Many of the articles are timely and well presented and should provide food for Lodge discussions. Our thanks to the capable editor, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas.

Last year, this Committee published a set of five small booklets the first of which is given to the Petitioner after acceptance by ballot, and one after each Degree. The last booklet is for the information of the Masters.

These booklets met with hearty and prompt approval, for when used as suggested by the Committee, Masters found them to be a great help in added instruction and guidance to the candidate—it gave him a better understanding of the Craft, its history, symbols and the principal for which it stands, and by the time the candidate had become a Master Mason he had a much broader understanding of this great Craft, and a greater desire to continue his search for the hidden mysteries of nature and science.

This Committee urges the present Masters to continue using these booklets in educating the new members in particular and in the knowledge that they will be of benefit to all the members of the Lodge.

The Library continues to play a great part in the Masonic life of many of the Brethren. Our regret is that more members do not take advantage of this storehouse of Masonic lore. It contains many fine volumes suitable for the new Mason or the advanced student, not to mention the many papers and books of reference.

These books can be obtained by writing to the Grand Librarian or presenting the library membership card, and if necessary, suitable books will be suggested for those who are using the Library for the first time. Those who are preparing addresses will find the Grand Librarian a great help in offering material and rendering assistance to any seeking his help. The Brethren are urged to make greater use of this fine Masonic Library.

Your appointment, Most Worshipful Sir, of R.W. Bro. Dr. G. A. Woodside as Grand Librarian was a happy one; his long experience and his love of books are proving a great help to those who seek aid in their Masonic studies.

The Committee would like to mention again that it has a number of copies of "The History of Freemasonry in Manitoba" available. This book is written in a most interesting story form, and it is felt more Masons should read it and learn of the birth and development of Masonry in Manitoba, not to mention the many other historical facts. Some Lodges are sufficiently interested in this book that they present each newly-made Mason with a copy.

Area Meetings continue to be of great interest, taking in a greater territory than the District Meetings do, they bring together Brethren of many districts and afford an opportunity of fellowship and understanding of the problems in districts other than their own. The dinner given by Grand Lodge is always greatly enjoyed, likewise the question and answer period that is always part of the programme.

The Address of the M.W. Grand Master is listened to with keen interest and appreciation. You, Most Worshipful Sir, no doubt feel satisfied with the fine spirit of harmony and good-fellowship found in all Area Meetings.

This year the District Deputy Grand Masters have attended three instructive meetings in Winnipeg, which gave the Standing Committees of Grand Lodge an opportunity to place before them many items of guidance and help in their important duties as your Deputies. They also had the opportunity of attending the meetings of the Board of General Purposes, all of which gave them a better understanding of Grand Lodge and their duties as your Representatives in the various Districts.

The Committee this year set up a panel of speakers to address Lodges on Masonic subjects. This has proven a great success and if continued the panel will have to be greatly enlarged to meet the many requests. The Speakers are all busy members of the Craft who gave of their time most generously and this Committee wishes to express its deep appreciation of their contribution and assistance.

The many activities mentioned in this report are carried on with the object of assisting the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to make their Lodge meetings more beneficial, increase attendance and have a better informed membership, thereby making it possible for the Lodge to take its place in the Community as the centre of good-fellowship and brotherhood.

The Library and this Committee have operated within its appropriation during the past year and recommend that the appropriation for the year 1950-51 be $1,800.00 for the Library and $200.00 for this Committee.

A report covering the activities of the Grand Lodge Library by the Grand Librarian, R.W. Bro. Dr. Woodside is appended to and forms part of this Committee's report.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. BLYTHE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To R.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe, Chairman of the Committee on Research and Education:

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother:

In submitting this very fragmentory report, I do so with a great deal of hesitancy and humility—as a stranger, I stepped into this field, with which I was not familiar, and which has been occupied by men of talent and experience, which fact, in a very short time became painfully manifest to me. However, I found that I was surrounded and aided by many helpful and encouraging features.

Your Committee, Officials and Office aids were ready under all circumstances to assist and kindly advise, which eased the unfamiliar burden and made the task pleasant.

I assumed the responsibility primarily because of my appreciation of "Freemasonry". The thought that I might be able to contribute something to its enlarging influence and stability. The physical condition of our Grand Secretary whom I both esteem and regard most highly contributed largely to my consent, and not in the least degree was my sincere appreciation of our Grand Master and many others of my worthy Brethren, whose personality I trusted. If I have failed, of which I am quite conscious, it is from no lack of interest, but chiefly due to a limitation of gifts and as a novice in the art of a Librarian.

In assuming office, I found that our library was composed of at least fifty percent "non-Masonic" or largely "fictional" literature. This literature had been bequeathed by relicts and friends of departed Brethren, which was much appreciated if somewhat out of place in a strictly Masonic library. Soon our shelves became overcrowded with this type of literature, and although it contributed to the appearance of a library, it was of no cultural value to Masons. Our Masonic circulation is now demanding more room and it became evident to the Committee that something should be done. As our fictional literature was in but slight demand, we felt that these books, many of them valuable, should be distributed in rural Communities where they were in the process of building up public libraries and to schools similarly situated. During the years we had received many copies of Masonic Dictionaries and Encyclopaedias which were not used by our Brethren and were beyond local need and thought the gift of these, to smaller Lodges in rural districts would be a fine piece of Masonic mission. With this idea, your Committee, with the authority of the Board of General Purposes proceeded to distribute both our non-Masonic and superfluous Masonic literature. We believe that you will agree that this was a wise policy, which would contribute to the delight and culture of both old and young.

All this necessitated a revamping of our Library, a proper marking of our stacks and shelves, and the classification of our books according to subject matter. This will require time, energy, thought and additional money with the closing of the Library until such order is affected.

There are a large and increasing number of manuscripts stored away in files, most difficult of access and serving no useful purpose. We are persuaded that these manuscripts should be arranged according to kindred topics, placed in plastic-transparent covers with visible index, put on our shelves and so made available to members. We believe that whilst this demands care and attention it will be of value to our Library and to the profit of the members generally.

The bundles of the "History of Freemasonry in Manitoba" by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas should, in small parcels, be brought from their hiding place in the attic and so exposed on our shelves that members seeing them will find opportunity to secure a copy and furnish themselves with a wider knowledge of Freemasonry in our own Jurisdiction.

Since the beginning of January to May 1st, and your acting Librarian finds it difficult to go beyond, the Library has loaned 160 books and has had 115 returned. The Library has had an average of 36 visitors per week. Your interim Librarian has conducted researches for members, and assisted in the preparation of 17 Masonic topics for presentation at Lodge meetings. This he regards as of the most vital or valuable service that a Librarian can render, as members have not the time to conduct valuable researches.

We are greatly in need of new books, and books of more recent date. The Committee would appreciate Lodges, as well as members, sending in the names of recent publications which they deem would be a valuable addition to our Library.

There are many old books—Masonic classics, now broken and in disrepair which ought to be rebound and put in attractive form.

Your Committee would like to make the Library one of the coziest and most attractive places in the city, where the members can spend a half-hour over lunch period, in reviewing the bulletins on the table, which come to us from across the Continent and beyond; making it a place of fellowship and culture.

Your appointed Secretary, wishes to express his appreciation of the splendid co-operation and ready assistance he has received from members of the Committee, the Office and Staff.

Fraternally submitted,

G. A. WOODSIDE,
Grand Librarian.

These reports were presented by R.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), who moved that they be adopted, seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114). Carried.

BALLOTS CLOSED

The hour of 3:00 p.m. having arrived, the Grand Master, M.W. Harry Coddington declared the ballot closed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

It is justly proper as is our custom to pause amid our labors to pay respectful tribute and to honor the memory of those of our Brethren who since we last assembled have passed to their Great Reward.

> "Man that is born of a woman is of a few
> days and full of trouble;
> He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down;
> He fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not."
> Job 14th. Chapter-Verses 1 and 2.

In the measureless realm of time how brief is our earthly life; yet how momentous and eternal are its issues. Life's experience day by day, year by year are the means by which the Great Architect reshapes and projects the human toward the divine. Today we build our castles—the presence of loved ones, prosperity, position, fills our cup with joy and tomorrow we are cast into the valley of sorrow and bereavement.

In whom do you put your trust? Does this great question reactivate your divine impulses each time you hear it or has it become just another phrase?

> "Remember now Thy Creator, in the days of thy youth,
> while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh
> when Thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;
> Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was;
> and the spirit unto God who gave it."
> Ecc. 12—1 and 7.

The burden of sorrow can be lightened if we will have Trust and Faith.

> " I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year—
> Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,
> And he said. Go out into the darkness
> and put your hand into the hand of God.
> That shall be to you better than light
> and safer than the known way."
> M. L. Haskins, "The Desert"

Our departed Brethren accepted God's invitation in their way of Life. A firm belief in the unfailing and unbounded wisdom, goodness and majesty of God, the Eternal Father and the Grand Architect of the Universe. They have left with us sweet and fragrant memories that will never fade away; memories of honest endeavors, high ideals and true Brotherhood. The thought of these our Brothers, is very dear to us, even more so as we listen to the names of those who were with us, one short year ago and whose memory we this day reverence and revere—

Past Grand Masters	4
Officers and D.D.G.M.s	15
Master Masons	239
TOTAL in the year	258

Past Grand Masters:

M.W. Bros. Henry E. Bletcher, Edward A. Braithwaite, John James Henderson and John Thomas Boyd.

Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters:

R.W. Bros. Hugh A. Innes, George G. Teeter, John J. Sinclair, William H. Bentley, Robert M. Smith, William Cairns, Hugh Mackenzie, Harry Sherstone, Raymond S. Jones.

V.W. Bros. John McRae, James Cavers, Frederick E. Wenman, Donald T. Hird, Thomas Hurtley, James Irwin.

"Not silent are those hallowed dead,
A richer eloquence survives,
We have from those who've gone ahead
THE INSPIRATION OF THEIR LIVES."

We pray that our Gracious God will comfort and bless the sorrowing; that HE may inspire them with HIS infinite LOVE until they too lay down the burdens of life and enter into the glories of that City, not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FERGUSON IRWIN,
Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

This report was presented by W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. S. Montgomery (2). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master begs to report as follows:

The zeal and great ability displayed by M.W. Bro. Coddington, his earnest desire to serve the Craft, combined with his many sterling qualities as a man and a Mason, have won for him the undying admiration, esteem, and love of his Brethren. The ordinary demands upon a Grand Master tax the efforts of the best of men, but to have added the responsibilities of the Grand Secretary's office would appear to provide a burden beyond any man's strength to carry. Nevertheless, our Grand Master has borne such a burden during the greater part of his term of office, which has this year been extended to fourteen months.

We join with the Grand Master in his thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe, in his welcome to the Brethren in attendance here, especially to our visiting Brethren, in his message of sympathy to the Brethren of Lodges who have suffered from the devastating flood in the Red River Valley this year, and in his thanks to all those who have been so generous in sympathy expressed and in monies contributed toward the relief of those who suffered as a result of the flood.

We mourn with our Grand Master in his fitting reference to the great loss suffered by the Grand Lodge in the passing of so many outstanding members, referring in particular to M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher, M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Librarian, and R.W. Bro. Hugh Innes, S.G.W., also to the losses suffered by our Constituent Lodges and by our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

We commend the report of the Grand Master in his visitations to all the District Meetings and to several Sister Grand Jurisdictions, and we rejoice with him in the honors conferred upon him by our Daughter Grand Lodges, Alberta and Saskatchewan, and by Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

We join with the Grand Master in his expression of sympathy and concern at the severe illness of our beloved Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, who we trust will be permitted to regain his health.

We commend the readiness with which the Grand Master accepted the added responsibilities of the Grand Secretary's office and the despatch with which he performed his two-fold duties.

We note with great interest that out of his experience in and about the Grand Secretary's office the Grand Master has recommended certain changes and re-organization in that department of Grand Lodge. We bespeak for those recommendations the earnest consideration of every member.

Your Committee notes with pleasure that the Grand Master has found throughout the Jurisdiction a fine spirit of co-operation among the Brethren and that proficiency is shown in degree work.

We commend the admonition of the Grand Master for quality in new members rather than quantity and note with gladness his belief that the influx of younger men into the Craft these days is due to their having seen the good deeds done by the Freemasons in their various Communities and to their desire to be numbered with them.

We rejoice with the Grand Master in the recognition shown to eleven Brethren for fifty years continuous service to the Craft.

We recognize with satisfaction the continued exchange of fraternal representatives with Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Your Committee notes with great satisfaction that petitions have been received for the formation of four new Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction—two in greater Winnipeg, one at Starbuck, one at far-distant Churchill, and that the institution of these Lodges is referred to the Grand Master Elect for his attention.

We note the considered thought of the Grand Master that Freemasons have mandates to guide and mould public opinion, and we pray that Almighty God will guide and direct us in that great responsibility.

We recommend to Grand Lodge the endorsation of all official acts of the Grand Master during his term of office and the recording of its appreciation for the conscientious, untiring manner in which he has discharged the duties and responsibilities of his high office, notwithstanding the added burdens he was called upon to bear.

Finally, we wish to assure M.W. Bro. Coddington as he leaves his exalted position of Grand Master of Manitoba in this its Seventy-fifth year that he will carry with him the love and admiration of his Brethren all.

Fraternally submitted,

S. H. FAHRNI,
For the Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90). Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST

M.W. Bro. D. J. Sargent a Past Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was introduced to Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni and welcomed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Acting Grand Secretary's Report begs to submit the following:

The comprehensive report presented by the Acting Grand Secretary indicates that the work of the Grand Lodge Office has been properly carried out in all its details. The statistics covering Membership, Degrees conferred and Dispensations issued, reflect a satisfactory condition in this Grand Lodge, as far as organization and numbers are concerned. These figures should be of interest to officers and members of every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. When we consider that we now have more than thirteen and a half thousand members, it gives some indication of the possibilities for good that lie in our Freemasonry.

It is not necessary to repeat here the figures set out in the report; However your Committee wishes to make the following brief comment:

The net increase of 495 members while less than in the previous four years, shows generally that steady growth is being maintained, yet 30 Lodges have decreased or remained unchanged in membership. At the same time the number of Degrees conferred is slightly higher than last year.

It is gratifying to the Acting Grand Secretary, and to this Grand Lodge to note that Lodge Secretaries are recognizing more fully the need for promptness in sending in the half-yearly reports and for greater accuracy in these reports

Your Committee concurs in the reference made to the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey. We regret that for some time he has been unable to carry on the work that has meant so much to him. We are glad to learn of the improvement in his health, and trust that this improvement will continue.

It is indeed fortunate for the Grand Lodge that M.W. Bro. Coddington, our Grand Master, has been willing to give of his time and his wide experience to the work of the Grand Lodge Office. This has meant a heavy responsibility added to his other duties, but he has discharged these duties loyally and efficiently. Both he and Miss Anderson of the office staff deserve the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

H. B. DONNELLY,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138) who moved its adoption, seconded by V.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139). Carried.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTE ON WAR EFFORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Special War Effort Committee submits the following report:

Your Committee thinks it desirable to remind Grand Lodge that the Special War Effort Fund has been dedicated to the purpose of assisting Lodges and members of the Craft in Jurisdictions outside of Manitoba who have suffered loss and deprivation through the ravages of war. From this Fund assistance has been given to members of the Craft residing in China. Assistance was given in re-furnishing the Masonic Temple at Malta, and assistance has been given to the ancient Quatuor Coronati Lodge in England.

Since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge no disbursements have been made from the Fund because no objects were found where assistance was needed and where there could be certainty that any assistance given would be effective.

The amount standing at the credit of the Special War Effort Fund Account at the present time is the sum of $10,789.95.

Fraternally submitted,

BEN. C. PARKER,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Investments begs to report that during the year ended March 31st, 1950, the bond investments of Grand Lodge were increased by $4,500.00 as follows:

BY THE PURCHASE of $4000.00 Canadian National Railway 2⅞% bonds at 99⅝. These bonds are unconditionally guaranteed by the Government of Canada, and mature Sept. 15th, 1969.

BY THE EXCHANGE of $19,500.00 Dominion of Canada 3% bonds at prices and maturity dates as follows:

$4,000.00 maturing June 15th, 1951 at $101.80.
$9,500.00 maturing March 1st, 1954, at $103.15.
$6,000.00 maturing May 1st, 1957, at $102.25.

FOR $20,000.00 Canadian National Railway 2⅞% bonds at 99⅝ unconditionally guaranteed by the Government of Canada, and maturing September 15th, 1969.

The one Mortgage loan was reduced during the year by $300.00, leaving the mortgage investment at $5,725.00. The interest on this loan has been paid regularly at maturity.

War Saving Certificates costing $480.00, shown on last year's financial statement, matured during the year, realizing the sum of $600.00, being $480.00 principal and $120.00 interest.

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL BURRITT,
Chairman, Committee on Investments.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70). Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5:00 p.m. by the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Harry Coddington, to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. that evening.

Thursday, August 10th, 1950

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Harry Coddington, at 8:00 o'clock.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 106 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register. 87 Lodges represented by one or more of their three Principal officers: 19 Lodges unrepresented namely:

King Solomon Lodge No. 8
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44
Oriental Lodge No. 54
Russell Lodge No. 62
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74
Cypress Lodge No. 82
Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92
Strathclair Lodge No. 106
Landowne Lodge No. 107
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110
Mound Lodge No. 118
Roblin Lodge No. 122
Patricia Lodge No. 125
Favel Lodge No. 126
Victory Lodge No. 128
Sprague Lodge No. 132
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134
Cartwright Lodge No. 150
Rice Lake Lodge No. 157

97 Lodges have one or more Past Masters present and 9 have neither Past Master nor Officers present, namely:

Oak Lake Lodge No. 44
Russell Lodge No. 62
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74
Cypress Lodge No. 82
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110
Mound Lodge No. 118
Roblin Lodge No. 122
Favel Lodge No. 126
Victory Lodge No. 128

Past Masters	369	
Worshipful Masters	73	
Senior Wardens	59	
Junior Wardens	42	543
Registered:		
Master Masons		111
Visitors		26
Total		680

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRANT,
for the Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3), who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. John Norquay (2). Carried.

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
92	Shoal Lake				2	2
93	King Edward	1	1		8	10
94	Hiram		1	1		2
100	Robbie Burns	1	1			2
101	Binscarth	1	1		1	3
102	Miniota	1		1	4	6
103	Crescent	1	1	1	5	8
104	Reston	1			1	2
105	Prince Arthur	1		1	2	4
106	Strathclair				1	1
107	Lansdowne				2	2
108	Union	1	1	1	4	7
109	Swan Lake	1	1		3	5
110	Kilwinning					
111	Acacia	1	1	1	11	14
112	Ophir	1	1	1	1	4
113	Tweed	1		1	4	6
114	"The Assiniboine"		1	1	10	12
115	Rivers	1				1
116	St. Andrew's	1	1	1	3	6
117	Strathcona		1		4	5
118	Mound					
119	Norwood	1	1		5	7
120	Penza		1	1	4	6
121	St. James	1	1	1	8	11
122	Roblin					
123	Transcona	1	1	1	3	6
124	The Pas	1				1
125	Patricia				2	2
126	Favel					
127	Empire	1	1		7	9
128	Victory					
130	Fort Garry		1	1	7	9
131	Kildonan	1	1		8	10
132	Sprague				1	1
133	McCreary	1	1	1	1	4
134	Stony Mountain				4	4
136	Capitol	1	1	1	4	7
137	Lord Selkirk	1		1	5	7
138	Windsor		1	1	6	8
139	Beaver	1		1	8	10
140	Meridan	1		1	8	10
141	Tuscan	1	1	1	8	11
142	Harmony	1			2	3
143	Mt. Sinai	1			8	9
144	Fort Osborne	1		1	6	8

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	1	9	12
2	Lisgar	1	1	1	9	12
3	Ancient Landmark	1		1	11	13
4	St. John's	1	1		16	18
6	Emerson	1	1		8	10
7	Assiniboine	1	1		10	12
8	King Solomon				2	2
10	Northern Light	1	1	1	6	9
11	Gladstone	1	1	1	7	10
12	Stonewall		1		4	5
13	Morden	1			4	5
14	Prince of Wales	1	1	1		3
15	Corinthian	1			2	3
19	Brandon	1	1	1	3	6
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	1	4
25	Ionic	1	1	1	6	9
27	Glenwood		1		4	5
29	Carberry	1		1	4	6
30	Manitou		1		1	2
36	Doric		1		3	4
39	Birtle		1	1		2
40	Deloraine	1			2	3
43	Lebanon	1	1	1	2	5
44	Oak Lake					
48	Glenboro	1			4	5
49	Temple	1			2	3
50	Killarney	1			3	4
51	Treherne	1		1	3	5
52	Hartney		1		5	6
54	Oriental				2	2
55	East Star		1		3	4
62	Russell					
63	Holland	1	1		1	3
64	Composite	1	1		2	4
67	Wawanesa	1	1	1	2	5
68	Vermillion	1	1			2
70	Shiloh			1	6	7
71	Crystal	1	1		5	7
74	Elkhorn					
75	Gothic	1			2	3
77	Napinka	1	1		2	4
82	Cypress					
84	Hamiota	1		1	1	3
86	Elgin	1			1	2
87	Rathwell	1	1		3	5
90	Midlothian	1	1		8	10

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	1	1	3	6
146	Fidelity	1	1	1	2	5
147	Jubilee	1	1		1	3
148	Seven Oaks	1	1	1	3	6
150	Cartwright				2	2
151	The Dormer	1	1		5	7
152	Foxwarren	1				1
153	Flin Flon	1			1	2
154	Pine Falls	1	1		2	4
155	Carman	1	1	1	5	8
156	Manitouwapa	1	1			2
157	Rice Lake				1	1
158	Fenwick	1	1		3	5
159	Newdale	1			1	2
	Totals	73	59	42	369	543

At this time the brethren joined in singing the hymn, "O Master let me walk with Thee."

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

This is the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and elaborate plans were made to mark the occasion. But owing to the disastrous floods in the Red River Valley all our special celebrations were cancelled. Now we are holding the Annual Communication postponed from June to August. However the attendance has been splendid and the Meetings have been very successful. Much fine work was accomplished in the past year. We are proud of our Grand Master and his Officers. They have sown good seeds so that we look forward to a new era of usefulness.

It is a pleasant experience to stand on the threshold of a new year and contemplate the possibilities of the future. It is like the beginning of a long journey, uphill and down, through pleasant valleys and around dangerous curves, while every mile we travel brings to view a new and different landscape, and the fact we cannot see beyond the limits of the present moment creates within us hope and optimism, so that we can dwell peacefully with ourselves in an atmosphere of anticipation.

Our past experience of every nature, blended with the conditions of the present hour give to each of us a preview of tomorrow. Our hopes and our aspirations are based on what we believe to be possible and upon our willingness to work for the things we want. It is man's desire to scale new heights, to explore new fields, to establish new records that sets him apart from those less enterprising. But the good things of life are never attained by wishful thinking, only action counts. The power of will is the dominant force—and when it is supplemented by ability to make decisions that bear fruit in the face of reality, man becomes a king upon a throne.

By pulling against the stream, by walking against the headwind, we grow strong. In the sheltered valleys where the winds never strike, the trees are soft and of little value without apparent effort, they greedily absorb the elements from the rich loam, grow quickly, and return to dust. But the oak, strong of sinew that stands as a sentinel upon yonder hill, with branches twisted and gnarled by force of passing storms, is a symbol of the courage and the tenacity we shall possess as we journey down the road of life.

I have taken a text from the volume of the Sacred Law—Ecclesiastes 11—Verse 1—"Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shall find it after many days."

The Bible speaks a universal language because its appeal is to universal man. It is simple enough that a child can hear and learn, yet so deep and profound as to cover the whole relationship of God and man. The Bible speaks in a universal tongue because its spiritual wealth does not come in one set form of speech but in every conceivable form of literature. This Volume of the Sacred Law makes the dry statement of a family tree, to teach the Incarnation of God which, surely, is the message of all religion. Under the touch of an inspired author the dry annals of History become luminous to reveal the guiding providence of God. The Great Governor of the Universe turns even evil actions for good. When Joseph's brethren sold him into slavery, little did they think God would over-rule their hateful deed and exalt Joseph for their own relief.

The wealth and suggestiveness of fable, allegory, myth and legend are pressed into service. All teach spiritual lessons. No one outside of Egypt might see the beauty and depth of our text "Cast thy bread upon the waters—" The flood waters of the lower Nile cover the river flats and the farmer scatters his seed on the waters so that a child watching the farmer casting grain on the muddy waters of the swollen Nile would think he was throwing them away forever. Yet the seed germinates and produces a bountiful harvest.

This is a fitting parable of our lives. How often we stake our all on some venture that we know may end in failure, at best, we scarcely expect more than a part of our efforts to bear fruit. But these ways of looking at our work are wrong. Not a particle of good work is lost. Every good thought, word or deed we sow in the muddy stream of this world's life will be saved and will ripen into golden harvests. Otherwise if only a small part is successful what a hindrance to heartiness. But if we believe the truth, what an urge to zeal.

If God were to let any good thing you or I did be lost then He is not God or at least not a good God, then we hesitate to even attempt good actions. To serve God and man we must believe from the bottom of our hearts that every good word, every good deed will sooner or later bear fruit. Some years ago, on a winter night I was driving home with my horses when a farmer stopped me "will you help me give oil to a sick mule"? so I tied my horses and we got the oil down the mule's throat. The next summer I was driving a car through the same country and got stuck—I went to the nearest farm for help—it was the same man I had helped. He brought out the same mule which soon had the car out of the mud-hole. The world needs to be flooded with good deeds then what a bountiful harvest we will reap. We ourselves may not see all the results. Let us be content to do and believe that sometime our efforts will bear good fruit.

Our retiring Grand Master stated in his Address that he could not accomplish all he planned because of circumstances and his own lack of ability. But we know he was faithful to his duty and he did sow good deeds. Also that he has made wonderful contributions for the good of the Craft and the welfare of humanity.

This is our time of sowing, not reaping. Therefore sow, sow, sow, never doubting, and we shall find it after many days.

R. S. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. R. S. Montgomery (2), was very sincerely thanked for his fine address by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington called the retiring District Deputy Grand Masters and the Elected and Appointed Officers of Grand Lodge to the Altar and after expressing his appreciation for the services they had rendered to Grand Lodge, presented them with the Certificates of their respective Offices.

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the election of officers and eight members of the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years also District Deputy Grand Masters for the Several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Charles E. Cole was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Fred H. Blythe was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of Gordon A. McMorran was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN four names were submitted in nomination, i.e., A. S. McCann, C. A. Midwinter, Geo. P. Fairbairn and Harry H. Gray.

The number of ballots cast was 527 of which 525 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 263, Brother H. H. Gray received the necessary quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of W. Percy White was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY there was no nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLIN the name of Frederick Hughes was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES the name of John P. Mowat was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of Geo. A. Woodside was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES for two year term, thirteen names were submitted in nomination, i.e.,

J. J. Bannerman
J. C. Bate
David Griffith
W. Crowthers
G. H. Grant
J. C. Grant
J. F. Irwin
W. J. McGregor
R. M. Muckle
K. R. Kennedy
Robt. Peel
Jas. Wardrope
L. C. Welsh

The number of ballots cast was 526 of which 521 were valid. (5 spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 58. The following named Brethren received the required quota or an equivalent to elect.

J. J. Bannerman
J. C. Bate
D. Griffith
J. F. Irwin
W. J. McGregor
R. M. Muckle
Jas. Wardrop
L. C. Welsh

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the following Brethren have been elected as District Deputy Grand Masters of the respective districts as indicated. Their election has been confirmed by The Grand Master Elect.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, Frank C. Davey, King Edward No. 93.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, Charles Freeman Lester McLeod, Union No. 108.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, Hector Alexander McLeod, Rathwell No. 87.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Douglas Stroud, Doric No. 36.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, William Albert Burnett, Binscarth No. 101

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Alexander Fraser Johnston, Deloraine No. 40.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Fredrick Roy Willmott, Tweed No. 113.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Arthur C. Orchard, Midlothian No. 90.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Albert Charles Pritchard, Seven Oaks No. 148.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Joseph Reid Glenn, Fort Osborne No. 144.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who, after complimenting the members of Grand Lodge on the care with which the ballots were marked, there being a total of only seven spoiled ballots out of 527, moved the adoption of the report, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Carried.

The M.W. Grand Master declared the several Officers of Grand Lodge and the Members of the Board of General Purposes to be duly elected.

APPRECIATION

The following Resolutions of thanks and appreciation were adopted by Grand Lodge:

To Brothers Don Craw and M.W. Erskine for their splendid contribution to the musical programme of Grand Lodge.

To the Management and staff of the Fort Garry Hotel for their courtesies to our Guests and their thoughtfulness in the arrangements for the Grand Lodge Sessions.

To the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Elections, who, with his staff performed such an excellent piece of work for Grand Lodge.

And last but by no means least, to M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, who once again in his own efficient manner acted as Grand Secretary during the Grand Lodge Sessions, which was sincerely appreciated.

To all those brethren who had contributed to the success of the Sessions of the Seventy-fifth Annual Communication.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Harry Coddington called on the brethren to join in singing the hymn "Unto the Hills Around", after which he called on M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) to assume the gavel as Grand Installing Officer, assisted by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93) as Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

At the close of the Installation Ceremonies the Installing Officer handed the gavel to the newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Brother Charles E. Cole with his best wishes for a successful term. The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Cole thanked the Installing Officers for a duty so successfully performed, and expressed his appreciation to the brethren for having elected him to that high Office.

M.W. Brother Chas. E. Cole then called on R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray (141), Junior Grand Warden to speak on behalf of the Elected Officers and V.W. Bro. L. G. Barnes (131) to speak for the Appointed Officers. These brethren expressed their loyalty and support to the Grand Master during the coming year.

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Brother Harry Coddington presented the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Charles E. Cole with the Grand Master's Apron on behalf of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Brother Charles E. Cole, Grand Master expressed his thanks and appreciation for the regalia and for the honor that had been conferred upon him.

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Charles E. Cole then presented a Past Grand Master's Jewel to the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, who expressed his thanks for the jewel and for the opportunity of serving in the Office of Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan presented a certificate of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole.

W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114) then approached the Altar and spoke of the illnesses of M.W. Bro. George Hunter, M.W. Bro. W. J. Major and M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey and moved, seconded by M.W. Bro. S.H. Fahrni (11) that a message be sent to each of these brethren, from the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole announced to Grand Lodge that he had appointed M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington as Grand Secretary to complete the the present term.

The brethren then joined in singing the Closing Hymn, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah".

The business of the Adjourned Seventy-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, having been completed, it was closed in Ample Form by the Grand Master and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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Fraternally submitted,
HARRY CODDINGTON,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1950-1951

Grand Master	M.W. Bro Chas. E. Cole (7)	Portage la Prairie
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. F.H. Blythe (93)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27)	Souris
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141)	Winnipeg
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Rev. Fredk. Hughes (1)	Winnipeg
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	R.W. Bro. Dr. G. A. Woodside (10)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. L. G. Barnes (131)	East Kildonan
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. G. R. Dewar (7)	Portage la Prairie
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. Hector Spence (120)	Dominion City
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. R. A. S. Follett (50)	Killarney
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. J. A. Sundell (63)	Holland
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. S. D. Cruden (10)	Winnipeg
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. Thos. King (121)	St. James

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Frank C. Davey (93)	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. C. F. L. McLeod (108)	Brookdale
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. A. McLeod (87)	Treherne
4th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Douglas Stroud (36)	Boissevain
5th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. A. Burnett (101)	Binscarth
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. A. F. Johnston (40)	Deloraine
7th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. F. R. Willmott (113)	Douglas
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. A. C. Orchard (90)	Miami
9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Chas. F. Shaw (100)	Dauphin
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. A. C. Pritchard (148)	West Kildonan
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. J. Reid Glenn (144)	Winnipeg

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R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27), Senior Grand Warden .. Souris

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M.W. Bro. Geo. Hunter (10), Past Grand Master ...... Winnipeg
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M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), Past Grand Master .... Portage la Prairie
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M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), Past Grand Master ...... Hamiota
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M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), Past Grand Master .... St. Vital
M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Past Grand Master ...... Roland
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R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray (141), Junior Grand Warden, Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), Grand Treasurer .... Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), Grand Secretary .. Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Rev. Fredk. Hughes (1), Grand Chaplain .. Winnipeg
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R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143), Honorary Member ..... Winnipeg
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ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1949

For a Two-year Term

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann (4)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd (6)	Emerson
R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson (106)	Strathclair
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter (111)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)	Brandon
R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)	St. James
R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn (130)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139)	Winnipeg

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1950

For a Two-Year Term

R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2)	Clandeboye
R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11)	Gladstone
W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24)	Neepawa
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate (50)	Killarney
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope (127)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. D. Griffith (138)	Fort Garry
R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh (139)	Winnipeg

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FORM OF BEQUEST
FOR THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

The following form of Bequest may be used by any Brother desiring to bequeath any sum for the benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge:

"I, give unto my Executor or Executors the sum of ....($........) upon trust to pay the same to the Grand Secretary for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, for the purposes and benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the said Grand Lodge, and I declare that the receipt for such sum of the said Grand Secretary shall be an absolute discharge for such payment.

.................................Signed".

The Lodge Secretary will bring this to the attention of the brethren either at the Lodge Meeting or in the Monthly Notice.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

Brethren are reminded of the facilities offered by the Grand Lodge Library for increasing their Masonic knowledge. Travelling sets of books, specially arranged for the use of country Lodges, are available, and individual country members can have books posted to them.

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FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

It has been my very great privilege and honor to serve this year as your representative in the First Masonic District and I now take pleasure in submitting to you an account of my stewardship.

My first official duty was to appoint W. Bro. W. Fraser of "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114 as District Secretary and W. Bro. A. J. Christie of Ionic Lodge No. 25 as District Chaplain. These Brethren, together with W. Bro. Leonard Force of Norwood Lodge No. 119, who was re-elected District Treasurer at the meeting of the District held in June, 1949, and R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, I.P.D.D.G.M., constituted the District Officers for the year.

Carrying out your instructions I paid an official visit to each Lodge in the District on the following dates:

October 4th,	"The. Assiniboine" No. 114
October 13th,	Norwood No. 119
October 17th,	Empire No.. 127
October 19th,	King Edward No. 93
November 9th,	St. James No. 121
January 11th,	Acacia No. 111
January 16th,	Ancient Landmark No. 3
January 19th,	Northern Light No. 10
February 1st,	St. John's No. 4
February 6th,	Ionic No. 25
February 21st,	Prince Rupert's No. 1

Reports of these visits have been submitted to the Grand Secretary on the prescribed form.

On all these visits I was received with the greatest courtesy and kindness and in every instance, Most Worshipful Sir. I was requested to convey warmest greetings and expressions of loyalty and esteem, both to you personally, and to the high office which you hold.

I am happy to report that on my official visits I received excellent support from the principal officers and a few of the Past Masters of most of the Lodges in the district and I would like to take this opportunity to express to all of these Brethren my sincerest thanks. I believe that attendance with the D.D.G.M. on these official visits is a great help to the principal officers of any Lodge, because it provides a wonderful opportunity for them to become better aquainted with their contemporaries in Office.

I only witnessed degree work on one of my official visits. Most of the Lodges in this District have so much business to transact at their regular meetings that the conferring of degrees is usually done at emergent meetings. The Masters and Secretaries of the Lodges have their agenda well prepared so that the necessary business is transacted with efficiency and despatch. On each official visit I addressed the Brethren briefly on some subject dealing with the moral and benevolent principles of Freemasonry and although in some cases my remarks were in the nature of constructive criticism they were usually well received.

I paid one or more unofficial visits to each Lodge witnessing the conferring of degrees and in nearly every case the work was done in a most impressive and commendable manner, both by the regular officers and assisting Past Masters. Unfortunately there are isolated cases of brethren undertaking to assist in the conferring of degrees without having made proper preparation. These cases are very rare, but when they do occur they detract considerably from the effectiveness of an otherwise fine degree. I do not have reference to the cases where a Past Master may be called upon without any notice whatsoever to assist in the degree work, but when due notice has been given, a real effort should be made to do the work without any prompting being necessary.

As may be seen from the statistical report for this District, most Lodges have had a great many candidates, but increase in total membership is not as great as might be expected owing to the large number of deaths that inevitably occur in these older Lodges. With the large number of initiates coming in, most Lodges have improved their financial status, but in a number of instances the ordinary revenues of the Lodge do not take care of the operating expenses. In 1948, with one Lodge not reporting, the number of members in arrears was 226, while in 1949, there was a total of 323—a very marked increase. In these fairly prosperous times it is very desirable to keep arrears to a minimum. The Masters and Secretaries should make a determined effort to this end and members themselves should give their whole-hearted co-operation.

The District Meeting was held on November 5th, and I am happy to state there was a marked improvement in attendance over previous years. This was no doubt due to the change in the Constitution requiring the D.D.G.M. to be elected at this meeting and W. Bro. Frank Davey of King Edward Lodge No. 93 is D.D.G.M. elect for next year. It was a matter of deep regret to all of us that you were unable to be present at this meeting owing to the great bereavement you sustained that week in the sudden death of Mrs. Coddington. In your unavoidable absence, M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly brought a most instructive and timely message to the Brethren. The program included brief reports from each Lodge, a discussion by W. Bro. A. J. Christie, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. Geo. Reed of St. John's Lodge on the subject, "Would it be in the best interests of Freemasonry to limit the size of a Constituent Lodge?" R.W. Bro. Bannerman of King Edward Lodge assisted by W. Bro. Frank Davey gave a demonstration of examination of a visiting Brother. Bro. Leonard Urch, Norwood Lodge presented a paper, "Successful Method of Coaching Candidates." All of these items were most instructive and well received by the Brethren. I would like to record my sincere thanks to all of these Brethren and many others for their contribution to what I believe I am justified in saying was a very successful District Meeting. At this District Meeting, R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole, Deputy Grand Master, presented a P.D.D.G.M. Apron and Jewel to R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett.

Following the established custom we held two supper meetings for Masters, Wardens and Secretaries. The first meeting was held in September, 1949, the second in January of 1950. Attendance at both meetings was most gratifying and matters dealing with the welfare of the Lodges in the District were thoroughly discussed.

I was privileged to attend a number of special meetings as follows:

Canadian Night, at "The Assiniboine" Lodge, Community Night, at Acacia; Manitoba Night, at St. John's; Irish Night, at King Edward Lodge; New Year's Reception, at Norwood Lodge. Special mention should be made of Youth Night, which was held by Prince Rupert's Lodge, this being the first meeting of its kind in the District, although some Lodges have held Father and Son Meetings.

I attended Ladies' Nights, at Ionic, St. John's, Ancient Landmark, King Edward, Northern Light, 12th Masonic District and Mt. Sinai. These were all very delightful functions and I am sure serve a very useful purpose in Lodge activities.

I was very happy to be able to accompany you on many of your visits, including the following District Meetings: 2nd District, at Portage la Prairie, 8th District, at Emerson; 10th District, at Selkirk; 12th District, at Winnipeg.

On my official visit to King Edward Lodge, I had the very great privilege of presenting on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, a 50-year jewel to Bro. Robt. Stevenson Campbell, and on my visit to St. James Lodge, I presented on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, the 50-year jewel to Bro. G. W. Campain.

This report will have been presented to you before the District Church Service will have been held, but it has been arranged for May 21st, at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church. R.W. Bro. J. L. McInnis, Past Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, conducting the service.

On March 2nd, R.W. Bro. Dan McLean, a member of King Edward Lodge, Past D.D.G.M. of this District, was summoned from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above. Although in advanced years, he continued to take a very active part in Freemasonry and on the very night before his death he had expected to assist in initiating a number of candidates at his Lodge. He will be greatly missed by King Edward Lodge and his wide circle of friends.

It has been a matter of great regret to all of us that our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, continues to be in such poor health. It is our earnest prayer that he will soon be restored to health and strength.

My predecessor in office, R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett in his report last year put forward several very excellent recommendations. These dealt with Masonic instructions to new members outside of the formal work required by our ritual, presentation of brief addresses on Masonic subjects at each regular meeting, a greater use of our Grand Lodge Library, improvement in Lodge attendance and several other important matters. I regret to say as far as I have been able to observe, these recommendations have not been implemented in many cases. There are still only three study groups functioning in the District—St. James, Norwood and "The Assiniboine." I am well acquainted with the work of the last named group as it has been particularly active during the past year with average attendance over the 50 mark. None of the officers of this study group are, or have been officers of the Lodge, but they are making a real success of the group and making a fine contribution to Freemasonry. In these days, when we hear complaints of the shortage of jobs to keep up the interest of younger Brethren, it seems to me that this type of activity could be carried out to advantage in every one of our Lodges. It is mostly a matter of getting enthusiastic Brethren to shoulder the responsibility.

Attendance continues to be rather disappointing in many Lodges and despite the large number of Brethren, who are joining the Craft, the percentage attendance of resident members in the District was slightly less in 1949 than it was in 1948.

There is an ever increasing need for Masters to give diligent care and attention to their Lodge program and activities in order to attract a larger percentage of our brethren to our regular meetings.

Before completing my report I want to record my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Brethren of the First Masonic District for electing me to this high office and for all their help and co-operation in carrying out my many duties, but I would be lacking in courtesy if I did not pay special tribute to my District officers—W. Bros. Fraser, Christie, Force and R.W. Bro. Emmett, for their constant support and wise council at all times. Special mention should also be made of the unfailing service rendered by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle in the capacity of Director of Ceremonies. He accompanied me on every one of my visits.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I express to you personally my deep sense of gratitude for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me on all occasions and I only hope that my humble efforts to discharge my responsibilities as your representative will meet with your approval.

A. CAMPBELL, D.D.G.M.,
First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit for your approval my report as D.D.G.M. for the Second Masonic District for the 1949-1950 term.

During my term I have gained much Masonic knowledge and met many sincere and friendly Masons. I sincerely wish to thank the Brethren of this district for having given me this privilege and pleasure.

My reception, on all occasions, was all that could be desired by your representative.

I visited each Lodge in the District once "Officially" and on other occasions as conditions permitted. "Degree" work was witnessed at all but St. Andrew's Lodge.

The dates of my "Official" visits and, in brackets, my other visits were as follows:

McCreary Lodge No. 133	August 10th, 1949
Neepawa Lodge No. 24	September 13th, 1949 (March 8th, 1950)
Carberry Lodge No. 29	October 4th, 1949, (March 28th, 1950)

Union Lodge No. 108	October 6th, 1949, (July 7th, 1949)
St. Andrew's Lodge No. 116	October 10th, 1949
Gothic Lodge No. 75	October 12th, 1949, (April 12th, 1950)
Temple Lodge No. 49	November 15th, 1949, (July 21st, 22nd, 1949)
Gladstone Lodge No. 11	February 13th, 1949
Assiniboine Lodge No. 7	April 17th, 1950, (All meetings)

I also had the pleasure of attending the "Area Meetings" at Selkirk and Wawanesa, the District meeting at Emerson and all the Board meetings.

Masonry in this District is progressing favourably, all but one Lodge being "Active," and the present "Dormant" one will, I feel sure, soon again be on the "active" list.

Memberships have increased, Relief payments were higher, and Liabilities considerably lower, for the year. Arrearages, however, took a decided jump, from $618.00 to $984.85. Three Lodges show less dues, and of the others Assiniboine No. 7 and McCreary No. 133 account for $345.85 of the $364.45 increase. However these Lodges are cognizant of the increase and are confident that this will soon be rectified.

Lodge properties are being kept in A1 condition and necessary repairs and improvements are being done. St. Andrew's Lodge, Wellwood, intend to build a new Temple in 1950.

Harmony throughout the District is excellent. Your District Deputy's duties have been very easy and pleasant in this regard.

It is still a matter of regret that much improvement is still necessary in the regular work and the degree work in some of the Lodges. Many Past Masters and W. Masters still are unfamiliar with the correct wordings of the "Penalties."

Our District Meeting was well attended, all Secretaries reports were received. Many questions were discussed at the afternoon meeting and I was very thankful to have yourself and R.W. Bro. F. Blythe present to settle some of the arguments.

W. Bro. C. F. L. McLeod of Union Lodge was elected D.D.G.M. for the next term and received the congratulations of all present.

At the evening session M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni fittingly and reverently paid tribute to the late R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns of Temple Lodge who passed to the Grand Lodge above in June, 1949, a sad loss to Masonry in this District and Grand Jurisdiction.

We then had your most inspiring and instructive address which was greatly appreciated. The meeting closed in harmony.

Before concluding this report I wish to extend my sincere thanks to R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole for his unfailing good advice and help, to R.W. Bro. J. Mckenzie, District Chaplain, V.W. Bro. D. W. Smith, District Secretary and the members of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, who visited with me on so many occasions.

The attendance of the following R.W. Brothers at our District meeting was appreciated.

R.W. Bro. Alex Campbell of the First District.

R.W. Bro. Dave. Milliken of the Twelfth District.

R.W. Bro. G. J. Long of the Eighth District.

R.W. Bro. W. A. Ross of the G. L. Alberta.

Due to illness, R.W. Bros. W. G. Pollock of Neepawa Lodge and T. L. Bishop of McCreary Lodge were not able to attend our District meeting, we extend our sympathy and hope that they will be with us next year.

Respectfully submitted by,

S. HARRY PROWSE,
D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor as your representative in the office of D.D.G.M. for the past year to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District.

Following my election I appointed W. Bro. J. W. Harrison as District Secretary and Bro. Rev. H. A. Meadows, District Chaplain.

I would like first to express my sincere appreciation to the brethren of the Third Masonic District for their confidence in electing me to this high office and to you M.W. Sir for confirming that election.

The District meeting was held at Belmont on October 13th, 1949. Besides having the pleasure of your presence on this occasion, we also enjoyed having with us M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole and R.W. Bro. H. Kerr.

This meeting was very well attended, every Lodge in the District being represented, 78 being on hand for the afternoon session and 126 for the evening session. The highlight of the afternoon meeting was the splended address given by the District Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. A. Meadows, on "His Good Name," this address was well received by the brethren and promoted some discussion, which was time well spent.

As you may remember, I brought to the attention of those present, the fact that I thought the meeting nights of the Lodges came too close together, in some instances, two or more on the same night. I suggested that a change might be made that would enable the D.D.G.M. to make his visits more easily and would make for better visiting of one Lodge to another. I am pleased to report that most of the Lodges in the District gave this idea their full support and at a meeting held at Cypress, a new schedule of meeting nights was arranged, though, while not perfect, it should make for better visiting all around. At this session the Secretaries of the various Lodges gave a report on the activities of their Lodges during the year. These reports I consider very much worth while, as they enable the Lodges to keep in touch with each other in what they are doing and some splended ideas are passed along.

W. Bro. H. A. McLeod being the only nominee for D.D.G.M. 1950-51, was declared elected for that office with the good wishes of those present. The evening session was called to order at 7.30, when the Grand Master was introduced by R.W. Bro. Skinner, and received with Grand Honors. W. Bro. L. Bryan gave a very interesting talk on "The Craft," this being followed by the presentation of the P.D.D.G.M's apron and jewel to R.W. Bro. Skinner by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald with some well chosen and fitting remarks.

Your address, M.W. Sir was full of interest and was well received and much appreciated by the brethren present.

My official visits was made to the Lodges in the District as follows:

Crescent No. 103	July 6th.
Treherne No. 51	July 8th.
Glenboro No. 48	July 12th.
Holland No. 63	July 13th.
Rathwell No. 87	August 2nd.
Swan Lake No. 109	August 3rd.

Wawanesa No. 67	August 6th.
Strathcona No. 117	September 6th.
Cypress No. 82	October 6th.

I made a special effort to make these visits before the District Meeting and I think it paid big dividends in the attendance and interest shown at this meeting.

I have also made a second visit to several Lodges, the rest I had also planned to visit on different occasions, but each time was prevented by the condition of the roads. However, I still hope to make these visits.

The District Church Service was held in September at Swan Lake, a good number of the brethren attended this service.

On my visits I found that a fine spirit of harmony exists in all the Lodges, the officers in most of the Lodges are doing their work in an able manner, and I have been particularly impressed by the work of the Junior officers, who seem to be showing the ability that is needed to proceed to the Senior positions—this I think speaks well for the future of our Lodges.

I have witnessed degree work in each Lodge. This work was of a high standard and being done in all seriousness, made a good impression on the Candidates. The Past Masters seemed anxious and willing to assist the officers in this work at all times. Much time must have also been spent on the preparation of the Candidates, for in every degree that I witnessed, the Candidate had his work up well, and to judge by their appearance and demeanor they seem the type of men we want in our Order.

The membership for the District shows a slight increase despite the fact that fifteen members demitted from one Lodge to form a new Lodge at Starbuck, which Lodge although granted a dispensation, is not at the time of this report in operation, so its membership is not included. The Lodges in this District I am sure, extend a very hearty welcome to this new Lodge, which is being formed at Starbuck. Some have already expressed this in a tangible way and we wish them every success.

The experience of being your representative in the Third Masonic District M.W. Sir, has been a real pleasure and one I shall never forget. Meeting with the brethren and making new friends has made this the happiest period of my Masonic life. To my District Officers, W. Bro. J. W. Harrison and Bro. Rev. H. A. Meadows, also to W. Bro. D. M. Campbell and R.W. Bro. A. J. Box for their ready help at all times, I wish to express my deepest gratitude.

In conclusion may I also express my appreciation to the brethren of the Third Masonic District for their good fellowship and co-operation on my visits. It has been a real pleasure to serve them and I only hope that I have been able to measure up in some small way to what was expected of me.

Fraternally submitted,

H. E. HOPKINS,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval this, my report, as your representative for the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1949-1950.

I would like at once to state that I have taken great pleasure in my duties as your Deputy in this District, that my Masonic education has been greatly enriched and my Masonic Horizons widened, that I have had the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new friendships both within and beyond the bounds of this Masonic District. Hence my appreciation to yourself and to the members of the Fourth Masonic District for this opportunity of service is indeed sincere. I have endeavoured to fullfill my duties to the extent of my ability, and, if in retrospect at the completion of my year's service, I can feel that I have had some little beneficial influence on Masonry in this District my pleasure will be complete.

My official visits were made as follows:

Doric Lodge No. 36	October 25th.
Manitou Lodge No. 30	November 7th.
Cartwright Lodge No. 150	November 15th.
Mound Lodge No. 118	October 27th.
Crystal Lodge No. 71	November 8th.
Morden Lodge No. 13	November 17th.
Killarney Lodge No. 50	March 20th.

In each of these visitations I witnessed the session under the conduct of the regular officers. (In some instances individual officers were absent). In all but two instances I witnessed the conferring of degrees, and in these two instances I witnessed a full evening's session. In one case the very creditable examination of two candidates on the Master Mason's Degree, and the presentation of certificates to five other Masons. Each Lodge is fortunate in having the services and guidance afforded by outstanding members in the Craft including their P.M.'s, P.D.D.G.M.'s and in one case a P.G.M. Each Lodge is active and has a sufficiency of candidates to keep it active. There was every evidence of a good fraternal spirit in all Lodges, in fact I am convinced that there is a good healthy condition in each Lodge of the District, and that the prestige of Masonry throughout the District stands high. It may be a good omen, and it is certainly worthy to note that the per cent of average attendance as compared with the number of resident members is up by six points this year over last year.

On the occasion of my official visits and on other occasions I have made opportunities for discussion of the welfare of the Lodge both with the senior and with junior officers. I have in practically every instance found an interest and an earnestness on the part of the individual, and an acceptance of his responsibility in the health and efficiency of the Lodge. However on occasion I have pointed out that the utmost in achievement can be accomplished only when one has confidence not only in himself but in each other officer. In short, teamwork is essential and this can only be realized by regular practice and rehearsal. With this general confidence all proceedings will become more audible and the whole general tone of the Lodge will be elevated. I would like to state Sir, that I am encouraged to write this moderate criticism in my report to you because as I gave it locally I received every attention from the Lodges concerned, expressions of gratitude for a frank statement of conditions and of suggestions for improvement, and also assurance, on their part, of an endeavour to make corrections. In short, I have discovered that both the prestige and accomplishments of our Lodges are such that we can stand a certain frankness in self-appraisal.

The Highlights in Masonry in our District during the past year were the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Crystal Lodge No. 71 on October 11th, and the District Meeting held in Killarney on October 12th. It might be felt that the attendance at the District Meeting would be detrimentally affected by the anniversary celebration at Crystal City the day before, probably it was, but the fact remains that attendance at the District Meeting compared well with that of former years. The 50th Anniversary Celebration at Crystal Lodge was a gala occasion. There was a large and representative attendance from both sides of the International Border. A large Grand Lodge representation was headed by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Immediate Past Grand Master. There was a very worth-while interest in the session of the District Meeting, and the Question Period of the afternoon was felt to be very valuable. Masonic addresses at each of these gatherings were stimulating and very much appreciated by all those in attendance.

I would like to make use of this opportunity of expressing my thanks for both advice and service to my District Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate, and to my District Chaplain, W. Bro. Canon L. J. Adams, also to the members of Killarney Lodge for their help, and to the Masons of the Fourth District for their understanding and their courtesy, and lastly to you, Most Worshipful Sir and Brother, for this opportunity of Service

Fraternally submitted,

E. J. JARVIS,
District Deputy Grand Master, Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval, my report as your District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth Masonic District.

I have found the work interesting and very much worth while; it has enriched my Masonic knowledge, and the fine support I received from the Grand Secretary's Office, the Grand Lodge Officers, Corinthian Lodge No. 15 and all the brethren of the Fifth Masonic District has made my office pleasant and not too difficult. I was fortunate in having the assistance of W. Bro. Arthur Dennis as District Secretary, he has been a great standby; also in having the services of Bro. Dr. Harry Dodds as my Chaplain.

Our District meeting was held at Rapid City, September 28, 1949. It was a very fine meeting and I wish to thank the Grand Master and all the Grand Lodge Officers in his suite for their kindly advice and inspiration.

The afternoon session was very well attended, 110 brethren being present. The visitors were cordially welcomed by V.W. Bro. J. W. Rousell, Junior Grand Steward.

The election of the District Deputy Grand Master, Fifth Masonic District for the 1950-51 term was on the agenda; this being the first time in the history of the District that this has been done the example of Grand Lodge Communications was followed, taking credentials of each member as he entered the meeting, and if eligible was given a ballot and after marking was deposited in the ballot box, the ballot was very orderly and remained open to 8.15 p.m. to give the brethren coming to the evening session an opportunity to cast their ballot.

At the afternoon session the Secretaries of the several Lodges in the District read their reports on the condition of Freemasonry in their respective Lodges, Masonic questions were asked and replied to: At 6.00 p.m. we sat down to a Banquet prepared by the Sisters of Royal Valley No. 40 O.E.S., and were entertained by Rivers Lodge Masonic Orchestra, Tap and Scottish dancing by Miss Shirley King. The customary toasts were given and replied to.

We assembled for the evening session at 8.00 p.m. with 138 names on the register. The Grand Master and suite were now received and given the Grand Lodge honors.

The balloting for the D.D.G.M. for the Fifth District for the 1950-51 term now having been closed, R.W. Bro. Hugh Kerr, Brandon and W. Bro. J. Johnson, Miami Lodge were asked to be scrutineers; and reported that W. Bro. W. A. Burnett had received a majority of the ballots cast, and was declared the elected candidate.

R.W. Bro. A. D. Russell was presented with the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. by G.M. M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington.

After the District Secretary gave a summary of the proceedings at the afternon session and other business, we were favoured with the Grand Master's address which was the highlight of the day. W. Bro. J. G. Shand with well chosen words thanked the Grand Master for his address.

My official visits to the Lodges of the Fifth Masonic District are as follows:

Binscarth No. 101	October 17, 1949.
Strathclair No. 106	October 18, 1949.
Harmony No. 142	October 20, 1949.
Hamiota No. 84	October 25. 1949.
Miniota No. 102	October 27, 1949.
Rivers No. 115	October 31, 1949.
Corinthian No. 15	November 1, 1949.
Newdale No. 159	November 3, 1949.
Russell No. 62	November 8, 1949.
Shoal Lake No. 92	November 10, 1949.
Birtle No. 39	November 21, 1949.
Foxwarren No. 152	December 7, 1949.
Prince of Wales No. 14	December 8, 1949.

I was well and properly received at every meeting and my short address on the Spirit of Masonry put into practice in the

Lodge, in the Community, and every day life was received with kind attention. The harmony of the whole district is excellent. In the past year District No. 5 has increased in membership by 33. Rivers Lodge No. 115 being located near the training centre, New Sarum, does a great deal of degree work and became the mother Lodge of a great many of His Majesty's Armed Forces. Rivers Lodge is a little pressed for room but is doing good work. They are increasing in resident members but not in proportion to the degree work that is done. On the whole the 33 increase in membership is fairly well distributed over the thirteen Lodges.

Foxwarren Lodge No. 152 are preparing to put a new basement under their Lodge room. Strathclair Lodge No. 106 is spending between seven and eight hundred dollars on the interior of their recently acquired Lodge room. Most of the Lodges in the Fifth Masonic District have comfortable quarters in which to hold their meetings and have enough degree work to keep every member interested. The officers elected to the chairs of the thirteen Lodges for 1950 are on the whole of very fine caliber and I feel sure will keep Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District on a high level.

The Lodges are working on their Historical registers; nearly half have their records completed, and at the present rate all should have their records ready inside of a year. All Lodges are helping in some way with the unfortunates in their own Districts and there has been a great many parcels sent overseas.

I hope my efforts will meet with your approval. It has been a pleasure and privilege most Worshipful Sir to have represented you in the Fifth Masonic District for 1949-50.

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. M. SPEARIN,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report as D.D.G M. of the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1949-1950.

I completed an official visit to each Lodge of the District in the fall of 1949, and I have arranged to pay a second visit before my term of office expires in June.

Generally speaking the condition of Freemasonry in this District is excellent. Progress in membership is being made in a greater or lesser degree in all except one; and in all without exception a very fine spirit of friendliness prevails. In this the smaller Lodges, if possible, excelled and I feel that Masonry is playing an important part in the community life of this section of the Province, earning respect and promoting peace and harmony by their example and influence.

I may be mistaken, but in my opinion, interlodge visiting has fallen off in recent years, and unless some special event is on, does not seem to be as spontaneous as it used to be. This may be a trend of the times or it may be the result of increased cost of everything including cost of transportation. If the latter is the reason it might be remedied in part by organizing visits on a contributory basis which would be recognized and accepted. I do think some continuous effort to promote these visits more frequently should be made.

The annual picnic in July at Masonic Island, Lake Metagoshe was unfortunate in choice of a day. The American Lodges interested, had made extensive preparations to make this event a success, which was entirely negatived by the weather. I think this should be attended more largely by members of the adjacent Manitoba Lodges and this International fraternizing encouraged. It is very important that Districts which adjoin our Southern border should do their part in broadening and extending the opportunities for friendship so as to present a solid front against the forces of disunity and hate, and prevent the spread of communistic philosophy.

While I did not see Degree work exemplified in all the Lodges during my official visits, I was highly pleased by the work I did witness, by the thoroughness of preparation, and by the enthusiastic, yet impressive manner in which it was given. In those Lodges in which no Degree work was done I was nevertheless convinced by the excellence of their general work, the opening and closing and manner of conducting their business, that given the opportunity, their Degree work would be up to the standard of the other Lodges in District No. 6.

The District meeting was held in Souris, on October 14, and the excellent attendance at both meetings was very satisfactory. Every Lodge in the District was represented and only two Masters were absent, unavoidably so. A splendid address was given by the M.W. Grand Master, and interesting papers by R.W. Bro. Croll of Glenwood and W. Bro. George of Deloraine Lodges.

Before giving up office to my chosen successor, W. Bro. A. F. Johnston of Deloraine Lodge No. 40, I wish to express my sincere thanks to my most efficient Secretary, Bro. W. C.

Anderson, to my Chaplain, Bro. F. C. Brandon, and to all who in any way assisted me. The kindly reception I received from the brethren in the Lodges which I visited, has made my year of office a real pleasure, and one to be remembered and treasured.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. GRANT,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I beg to submit to you a report of my work as District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1949 and 1950.

It has been a pleasure for me to have had the privilege of acting as District Deputy, and my only regret is that it has not been possible for me to carry out my duties more fully than I have done.

As I have not a car of my own, I have had to rely on the generosity of some of the brethren in my Lodge, for transportation, and I owe them a debt of gratitude for the manner in which they have come to my assistance.

My first act as D.D.G.M. was to ask W. Bro. C. F. Rannie to act as District Secretary, which he willingly consented to do, and I am deeply thankful to him for the able assistance he has given me, both in the way he has assisted me with the work, and also the amount of transportation he has provided; without his help, and that of a number of other members of Elkhorn Lodge, who accompanied me on all my visits, it would have been very difficult for me to have done even as much as I have, from one to three car loads, accompanied me on each occasion, and I am deeply grateful to them for their support.

I visited each Lodge in the District officially on the following dates:

Lebanon Lodge No. 43	on September 6th, 1949.
Brandon Lodge No. 19	on October 11th, 1949.
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	on October 13th, 1949.
Lansdowne Lodge No. 107	on October 26th, 1949.
Fenwick Lodge No. 158	on November 11th, 1949.
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	on November 14th, 1949.

Composite Lodge No. 64......on November 17th, 1949.
Tweed Lodge No. 113..........on February 21st, 1950.

On each occasion I received a very kindly welcome, and found a splendid attendance of members and visitors. This was particularly gratifying, especially in the smaller Lodges, where I had hardly expected to find such a good attendance. In every case the work of the Lodge was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and in each Lodge where I saw degree work put on, it was capably done, and especially so in the City Lodges, where it is a real pleasure to watch a degree put on at any time. I was pleased to see, especially in the smaller Lodges a percentage of younger men coming along, which will relieve the necessity of using Past Masters to fill the various offices, to the extent that has sometimes been necessary in the past few years.

I regret very much that circumstances beyond my control did not permit me to attend more meetings outside my own District, and feel that my loss, in consequence, has been considerable.

I had the pleasure of attending International Night, which was resumed this year, after a lapse of several years, at Reston, on September 8th. They had a grand turnout, almost beyond the capacity of their Hall, and had a fine meeting.

Up to the present I have only been able to make one or two visits outside of my official ones, but hope to get in a few more as soon as the weather warms up a bit.

In closing, I wish to express my very deep appreciation of the honor conferred on me by my brethren in the Seventh Masonic District, in granting me this term of office, and my only regret is that I have not been able to carry out the duties of the office more fully.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. JONES,
D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor, as your representative, during the past year in the office of District Deputy Grand Master to submit for your consideration, my report on the condition of Free-Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District.

Allow me to express sincere thanks for the great honor you so graciously conferred on me by confirming my appointment, and to the brethren of the Eighth District who placed their confidence in me by electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master. I only hope that I have merited this confidence and left some impression on the brethren during my term in office.

Immediately following my election, I appointed a District Secretary and Chaplain. For these respective offices I selected W. Bro. K. C. R. Coulter and Bro. J. W. Cruickshank. To these brethren a very hearty thanks for discharging the duties of these offices in a very capable manner.

The Annual District Meeting of the Eighth Masonic District was held in the Masonic Temple at Emerson, on Friday, October 7th, 1949. There was a registered attendance of 108 Masons. All nine Lodges in this district were represented, and a decided increase in the attendance at the afternoon session was noted. Comment being passed that the holding of a Lodge of Instruction or a question and answer period seems to be a real drawing card and creates a tendency to interest the newly made Master Masons who are looking for Masonic knowledge.

At the afternoon session the reports of all the Secretaries of the Lodges in the District were received. These reports are becoming far more interesting, and some very fine projects that the various Lodges are conducting is being brought to the attention of all the brethren.

The question and answer period conducted by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald and R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh proved to be very interesting and many questions arose that drew discussion from a goodly number of brethren. Balloting for the incoming District Deputy Grand Master for the 1950-51 term under the new provisions of the Constitution took place. There being only one nomination that of W. Bro. A. C. Orchard of Midlothian Lodge No. 90. All in all the afternoon session was a very instructive period and I am greatly indebted to all the brethren for their valuable contributions.

At 6 p.m. the brethren attended a banquet in the United Church Parlor, served by the Ladies' of that congregation. The usual toasts were given and responded to in a most pleasing and capable manner.

The evening session was duly opened and the Grand Master and his Suite were introduced to the meeting by R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd, after which they were accorded the Grand Honors and welcomed to our District meeting. The summary of the afternoon session was given by R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover, for the benefit of the brethren who were unable to be with us during the afternoon. Following this a departure from the set program was caused owing to the fact that there were several more questions that some of the brethren requested answers to.

Our Grand Master gave a very inspiring address. His words of wisdom and his sincerity to the Craft will long be remembered by the members present. Short addresses were given by those accompanying the Grand Master. We were very pleased to have R.W. Bro. Alex Campbell, D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District and R.W. Bro. S. H. Prowse, D.D.G.M. of the Second Masonic District with us at this Meeting. I wish to thank the Grand Master and all the brethren who contributed in making our District meeting a success.

During my term in office an official visit was made to each of the Constituent Lodges in the District. These were as follows:

Sprague Lodge No. 132	September 14th, 1949.
Midlothian Lodge No. 90	October 17th, 1949.
Patricia Lodge No. 125	November 2nd, 1949.
East Star Lodge No. 55	November 3rd, 1949.
Shiloh Lodge No. 70	November 10th, 1949.
Carman Lodge No. 155	November 15th, 1949.
Penza Lodge No. 120	November 22nd, 1949.
King Solomon Lodge No. 8	December 13th, 1949.
Emerson Lodge No. 6	December 15th, 1949.

Besides the above mentioned visits I will have paid at least two and to the closer Lodges several visits during my term of office. I have also had the pleasure of visiting Pembina Lodge No. 2, Pembina, North Dakota, where I extended to the brethren in the South your sincere greetings Most Worshipful Sir. I also had the honor to accompany you to the District meeting of the Second Masonic District at Portage la Prairie and to extend to the brethren of that District the greetings of Eighth District.

I found all Lodges in Eighth District progressing and on a sound basis, harmony prevailing. The officers of all Lodges are to be congratulated on the way they perform their work, and I found that a great deal of interest in the workings of the Craft is being taken by younger members. I endeavoured at all times to lay before the Lodges the problems that were given to us at our meetings held in the Board room. I chose a short Masonic topic for each of my official visits and I feel that these were well received.

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not make special mention of East Star Lodge No. 55. The advancement that this Lodge has made is worthy of special comment. Many difficulties that they have had, have been overcome, membership has increased and a spirit of Masonry is being exhibited that commends the attention of all the brethren. The East Star brethren have greatly improved their Temple and No. 55 is now a Lodge that is a great credit to the Eighth District.

Sprague Lodge No. 132 being situated in the far east of this District, is on the fringe of Masonry in Manitoba. However being small and in a remote corner has not deterred the Sprague brethren, and steady progress can be reported. To my successors and to the brethren of our District, I ask that you make a point of visiting Sprague Lodge. You will receive a wonderful welcome and your visit will be a great help to them.

At the time of writing, arrangements are well under way to hold our Divine District Service during the month of May at the home Church of our District Chaplain at Sperling, Manitoba.

In closing I wish to thank my many friends and new acquaintances in the District for the help they have given me during the past year. The members of my home Lodge, Emerson No. 6 have been of great assistance in the support that they gave me in accompanying me on my many visits. I would also like to mention the names of R.W. Bro. G. E. Miles, R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover, W. Bro. R. H. McKenzie and Bro. J. B. Andrews who have particularly helped much. To all I extend my sincere thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

G. J. LONG,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I regard it an honor and privilege to submit for your consideration and approval, my report on the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1949-50.

After our Grand Master had confirmed my appointment, I selected R.W. Bro. Clark as District Secretary and R.W. Bro. Brown as District Chaplain.

We held our District meeting at Swan River on August 29th, 1949, but due to the harvest, the attendance was small. However, we had a good meeting in the afternoon in which there were many lively discussions.

The afternon session came to a close at 5.40 p.m., this was followed by a banquet, served by the ladies of the Anglican Church of Swan River.

Labor was resumed at 8.00 p.m. and immediately upon the opening of the evening session, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Harry Coddington and his Suite were officially received, and asked to take a seat in the East. Right Worshipful Brother Clark, the District Secretary, presented a summary of the afternoon session. Following this was the presentation of the Past District Deputy Grand Master's Apron by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Harry Coddington to Right Worshipful Brother A. L. Wrye who responded with an appropriate reply.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Harry Coddington, gave an interesting address which was fully enjoyed by all those present.

In my year as District Deputy Grand Master, I made my official visits to the eight Lodges in my District and I am very pleased to report that the Masonic spirit which prevails in the Ninth Masonic District is splendid. The officers are very efficient in their work, while remarkable progress is noticeable.

It was indeed a pleasure to attend the Board meetings and I found them very educational.

Finally Most Worshipful Sir, I would like to express to you and all other brethren of the Ninth Masonic District, my sincere thanks for my election into such a high office and for your confirmation of my position.

I have enjoyed the year's work as it has been a pleasant task.

Respectfully submitted by,

H. A. CAUGHLIN,
District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

To serve in the office of District Deputy Grand Master is a privilege and honor not fully realized in anticipation. Perhaps it is well to be so, otherwise some of us would not have the courage to accept the responsibilities and would therefore miss an experience of inestimable value.

Our first communication from the Office of the Grand Secretary outlining the duties of a D.D.G.M. effectively dispelled any idea we may have entertained that the office was one of leisure only. Some of these duties are not easy to discharge particularly sub sections (c) and (j); the former has to deal with the moral and benevolent principles of Freemasonry while the latter refers to specific duties which may be entrusted by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or the Board.

Sub section (c) was apparently inserted with the subtle intent of suggesting to the D.D.G.M. that he would be expected to address the members in Lodge assembled. Realizing that while the morals and benevolent principles of Freemasonry were generally well understood, I felt that perhaps we were leaning too much toward an attitude of taking things for granted and as such it would be well to review the responsibility of the individual Freemason. I therefore prepared a paper along these lines and I attach a copy of same. This was given to the individual Lodges on the occasion of my official visit and generally speaking was fairly well received, indicative of the benevolent attitude of the Lodge members.

I was advised by the Grand Secretary that two of the Lodges namely Lisgar No. 2 and Transcona No. 123 were dilatory in submitting the semi-annual and annual returns and I was asked to look into the respective situations. Before doing so, I endeavored to find out what remedial action, if any, was provided for in the Constitution. The Constitution is generous in the extreme and leaves the issue to the discretion of the Grand Master to deal with as he may see fit. In my opinion this can easily lead to where personalities may creep in between the Grand Secretary's office and the Secretary of the Constituent Lodges and I would recommend that the question be reviewed by the Board to the end that a proper Constitutional procedure be adopted to assure promptness. As your District Deputy I am satisfied that as far as the two Lodges are concerned the respective officers will continue in the odious position of being most dilatory in submitting their returns.

There has been considerable visiting as between the Lodges and some exchange work which is very commendable, provided the exchange is between Lodges following the same rite. On one occasion when visiting, candidates from the host Lodge were raised by the officers of the visiting Lodge where the work is in another rite. In my opinion this mixing of ceremonials during the making of a Freemason is definitely wrong and not in accordance with the spirit of Clause 181 of the Constitution which obviously is only intended as a means whereby a candidate can get his degrees completed in another Lodge in the event of being transferred during the time period of his degrees. The Lodges in question have acted in good faith and with the consent of the Grand Secretary's office, so I would respectfully submit that this question be brought to the attention of the Board that a proper clarification of Clause 181 be made for the guidance of the Grand Secretary and the Constituent Lodges.

The Annual District Meeting was held at Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, Selkirk, on Friday, October 28th, 1949, and was well attended. The District Secretary having already reported on this meeting a detailed review is not now necessary. In order that the various Lodge representatives would come to the meeting prepared to take part in the discussion, a letter was sent each Master as per copy attached. In so far as the program discussion is concerned the results were quite satisfactory, but the reports from the Secretaries were not very illuminating, or perhaps the lack of reports tells more than we are prepared to admit. This will be dealt with more specifically when discussing some of the Constituent Lodges and their respective officers.

The election of District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1950-51 was held in accordance with the new procedure. Only one name was put in nomination, so, W. Bro. A. C. Pritchard of Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148 was duly declared elected subject to confirmation by the Grand Master elect at the next Grand Lodge Communication.

In dealing with the individual Lodges I shall not weary you with observations on the ease or otherwise with which the officers can give a parrot-like repetition of words as that is no yard stick to measure their ability to interpret and put into practice the teachings of Freemasonry. Instead, I shall endeavor to outline the Lodge activities and in that way attempt to portray just what each Lodge is contributing to society in its respective Community.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2 is my Mother Lodge and has had a very checkered career. Her contribution to Freemasonry is well described by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas in his History of Freemasonry in Manitoba. In these early days her officers were not too amenable to the dictum of Grand Lodge and her Charter was once under the threat of arrest. The real difficulty though, was more recent and was of a financial nature, during the hungry '30's especially, when the members from Gimli and Riverton were a tower of strength. I particularly refer to Bros. S. V. Sigurdson and S. Thorvaldson. In 1948 the members from the north came into their own with the elevation of Bro. K. I. Johnson to the Master's chair. He was followed in office by another Gimli member, Bro. N. Stevens. In 1949 by dispensation, a meeting was held in Gimli which was such a success it is proposed to make this an annual event.

W. Bro. Geo. Gilhuly, the Master for 1950, brings to the chair the prestige of a very illustrious father, W. Bro. R. H. Gilhuly, who served Lisgar well in 1887. He has already announced that there will be just three classes for initiates—January, April and September. The first class will finish before the next starts and if a particular candidate for advancement falters along the way he will simply have to wait for the next class coming up. As only five candidates can be dealt with in any one evening the practical application of this decision means that fifteen candidates is the maximum number to be accepted by Lisgar in any one year. Degree work will be at emergent meetings only with the regular meetings reserved for instruction.

The junior officers are capable and alert and the future looks promising for this old Lodge. Sometimes, though, the confidence we place in our officers encourage us to do things or more properly speaking neglect to do things we should do. There was no audit of the books for 1948 and I found it necessary to direct that this be done.

The food parcels for Britain was an excellent opportunity for a practical demonstration of Masonic principles but Lisgar's contribution of $114.00 was hardly in keeping with the Lodge membership and I am personally disappointed. On the other hand the Lodge has furnished and maintained a ward in the local hospital from Lodge funds while the members by voluntary contributions provide for an annual Memorial Scholarship of $200.00 open to high schools within the Territorial Jurisdiction.

Stonewall Lodge No. 12. Smaller towns like Stonewall and Selkirk adjacent to a metropolitan area suffer to the extent that the larger centre draws away a large percentage of the eligible membership material. The excellence of the bus service to Selkirk permits people to work in Winnipeg while maintaining a home in Selkirk, but with Stonewall there is very little commuting and when one of her citizens accept employment in Winnipeg it almost invariably means the loss of an active citizen. This is even more noticeable in the Lodge, and while several members now living in Winnipeg, still attend the Lodge meetings they are in reality lost to the Lodge in such activities as take place between Lodge meetings and of course, to the daily life of the resident population. This is having its effect, and on one occasion when I happened to be visiting, the question of allowing the ladies of one of the local Church organizations use of the Lodge club rooms was up for discussion. The only other accommodation was an upstairs room where some of the older ladies found it difficult to get up the stairs. The argument was, if the Lodge let in one group they would find it duty bound to extend the facilities to other groups, so the proposal was turned down. To me it looked like making a mountain out of a mole hill, particularly when in all probability the majority of the ladies were the wives of Lodge members. On another occasion the question of holding a Church parade was being discussed. It was decided that they could not go to a certain Church because the Minister had not sent them a special invitation. This was one time when a little mutual discussion and understanding would have been advantageous to all concerned.

On my official visit I found the Volume of the Sacred Law was being opened in the wrong place in the Entered Apprentice degree. The explanation given was that the new degree markers had been purchased and the P.M. who placed them did not have his glasses. A plausible explanation, but not an accepted excuse.

In the matter of benevolence this Lodge has a very enviable record and the needy dependents of deceased members are well taken care of. The response to the food parcels was most gratifying for which much credit is due to Bro. S. J. Heggie, the present Senior Warden who has charge of this project.

W. Bro. B. Newhouse with his energy will have an enlivening influence on the Lodge activities and will no doubt speed up the business meetings which got quite draggy at times in 1949. I am also quite satisfied the Lodge notices will change at the end of the year and the first meeting in 1951 will not be called presumably by the I.P.M. as would appear to have been the case for the January meeting this year.

Ophir Lodge No. 112. Whenever I visit this Lodge I am much impressed with the beauty of the furniture. It is a revelation in stone and metal and the brethren in whose minds the designs were conceived and by whose hands these designs were executed must have been Master Masons indeed. By the working tools in the Entered Apprentice degree, we are reminded that labor is the lot of man, but this work was a labor of love. Fortunate, indeed, is the Freemason who has the opportunity and time to spend a meditative hour in this Lodge room.

The past few years have seen a wonderful revival of interest in this Lodge and to-day it is filling a useful purpose in a most cosmopolitan area. There are members in this Lodge whose hearts have been sorely tried when the call of national duty was at variance with the tenets and principles of their religious faith. These members are now pillars of strength, in understanding, when the Lodge is drawing to its portals people of so many different religions.

V.W. Bro. B. Warkentin has done more to rejuvinate this Lodge than what is generally realized. In fact he does not himself appreciate the part he has played the past few years. It would have been tragic if he had definitely declined the Secretaryship this year.

W. Bro. Gerry Smith has had an eventful year and in rounding out the junior officers into a smooth working team he leaves to W. Bro. Leeder an energetic panel of helpers.

Transcona Lodge No. 123. It is difficult to analyze this Lodge There is a strong membership, an active and loyal group of Past Masters but there appears to be an undercurrent which is hard to place. Like several Lodge groups they have, as a part of the historical register, a composite picture of the Past Masters to which a new photograph is added each year. A brother of mine was Worshipful Master in 1918 and when visiting a few years ago I noticed they had his name as Alexander T. Norquay, when on the Charter he is correctly named Andrew T. Norquay. I brought this discrepancy to their attention but no effort was made to correct it, so when visiting officially I intimated that obvious errors like this only threw a shadow of doubt over the entire historical record. I was assured the correction would be made.

On checking the Minute Book I found that the minutes have not been signed by the W.M. since 1936. I directed that the Past Masters who are available will sign for their respective years, while for those now deceased or non-resident the Wor. Master will sign under a proper notation and further that this instruction be spread on the minutes as of that particular meeting. When such incidents are considered in conjunction with the fact that this is one of the Lodges consistently delinquent in the statistical reports, it would appear that the time has about arrived when the Worshipful Master should call the Past Masters together to take stock.

Kildonan Lodge No. 131. The Past Masters of this Lodge have long been noted for their regular attendance at meetings and an esprit de corps has developed over the years which cannot be duplicated in any other Lodge in the Tenth District. An active group of Past Masters is an essential in every Lodge, as they are really the guardians of procedure and can be of great assistance to the Worshipful Master provided they realize that their day is past and that they are not privileged persons. Occasionally Past Masters by virtue of regular attendance tend to indulge in repetitious discussion and may even be out of order at times. Such a discussion took place on the occasion of my official visit and when a point of order was raised no attention was paid to it. This is hardly fair to the Master who holds office for one year only and no doubt permits same, rather than risk embarrassment by naming the offenders.

The Holy Bible in use in this Lodge had to be repaired as one of the leaves of the book of Ruth had become detached. Whether by accident or design I do not know, but when the Bible came back from the book-binders the leaves were reversed so that you read the fourth chapter and then the first unless you read from right to left like the Chinese. When I brought this to the attention of some of the Past Masters all the response I got was a shrug of the shoulders. They were placing the square and compass at the fourth chapter of Ruth so what did it matter if it was not in its proper sequence in the Bible. Perhaps this is only a trivial matter, but when you depart from the correct, even in trivial matters it is not long before other and more serious discrepancies are countenanced.

I am not in sympathy with the manner in which Lodge notices are made up, in that, the list of officers does not show their respective rank preceding the name. When a Past Master or a Past Grand Lodge officer is elected or appointed to a Blue Lodge office, his past rank should be shown as a matter of courtesy.

W. Bro. A. W. Ogston has been one of the keenest students of Freemasonry it has been my privilege to know and he will give good leadership.

Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134. During the war years this Lodge had difficulty to carry on as so many of the members were in the armed forces. With the return of the soldiers to civilian life there has been a renewed activity so that W. Bro. Wishart has a pleasant year in prospect. This Lodge like some others has had some internal disagreements and it is to be hoped that as time goes on the Past Grand Lodge officer who absented himself from Lodge in 1949, will again give to the members the benefit of his experiences and the pleasure of his company. This is another case where the responsible officer apparently did not realize in time that the election of officers at the end of the year carries with it the necessity of a notice revision for the first meeting in the new year.

Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148. This Lodge has a splendid study club which is doing much to promote a better understanding of Freemasonry. This must have been what was in the minds of the members of the Committee on Research and Education a few years ago when they requested for the District meeting Secretarial reports on Lodge activities. Briefly this club meets to review books on Freemasonry and then at some subsequent Lodge meeting, one of the members will give a synopsis of their discussions. This club is under the able Chairmanship of Bro. Wally Munroe and interest is holding up well. I would heartily recommend a similar activity in the other nine Lodges with one word of caution—confine your discussions to the practical side of Freemasonry and stay away from the esoteric. When you get into mysticism you usually get too deep for the average individual.

They have another very commendable activity in this Lodge and that is the care of the graves of deceased brethren. Each spring the local cemeteries are visited when the graves are trimmed up if necessary and a flower planted, either a geranium or a double petunia. This is a very nice gesture and could be copied by all the Lodges to good advantage. This would be appreciated by the relatives of the deceased and would also indicate to the public at large that there is a Masonic bond which goes beyond the grave.

These are the activities, apart from the ritual, on which reports have been requested for the district meeting but W. Bro. Pritchard's theme song for the past several years has been "I have made all the reports required by the Constitution and I do not know what you are talking about." It was only after much prompting at the District meeting that he would offer any information on the study club activity, and it was only in a casual way on our way home from a Lodge visit that I heard about the care of the graves.

W. Bro Douglas has seen fit to change the front page of the Lodge notice and now has one full of Masonic symbols. Generally speaking this new cover page is good, but on more serious consideration it replaces a symbol in the Seven Oaks monument which had an "historical significance" in keeping with the Lodge name. We in Manitoba would be well advised to preserve our associations with our local historical background.

W. Bro. Douglas has in his Senior Warden the enthusiasm of youth and in his Junior Warden the calm dignity of the successful banker, so this trio should give good leadership to their Lodge.

The Dormer Lodge No. 151. This Lodge shares a common meeting place with Kildonan Lodge and as they respectively meet on the first and second Tuesday of the month and also hold a joint installation, there is quite a good spirit of inter Lodge fellowship. almost like one large family group. In The Dormer, this family compact is further accentuated in that the Secretary, R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross and the Inner Guard, Bro. R. Ross Jr. are father and son .With such a line-up harmony must prevail.

This Lodge suffered a great loss in the sudden death of one of the Charter members, R.W. Bro. H. Sherstone. Just before Christmas he was going around attending to his parochial duties as a clerk in holy orders when the call came and he died as he had lived as a man of action.

The Dormer maintains a Bursary fund and some very worthy students have been assisted to make the break from high school to university or vocational school. I live in the Community of East Kildonan and I am personally acquainted with some of the recipients and I can say without fear of contradiction that this fund is like something inspired. The way it is administered makes it a real Community service and it is done without sound of trumpet or fanfare.

W. Bro. Colville has a prestige to maintain which would task the capabilities of most Masters.

Pine Falls Lodge No. 154. This Lodge on the fringe of settlement has created quite an enviable record over the years in the promptness in the payment of dues. It is a privilege indeed to look over a financial statement wherein there are no members owing in excess of one year's dues. A Lodge in a Company town has its troubles, though, in that with one principal place of employment, the work shifts make it difficult to maintain regular Lodge attendance, or even practices.

Meeting in the Church basement presents an odd situation, in that, the anteroom is really only a passageway from the door to the furnace room and there is not much accommodation for those who wish to smoke. On my visit, there was a slight delay in the preparation room when the Master suggested that the members sit at ease. This was apparently misunderstood by some and they prepared to smoke. When it was explained that permission to sit at ease was not calling from labor to refreshment the smokes were cheerfully put away.

In 1949, W. Bro. Kahle brought to the Master's chair a wealth of experience, this being his second time in the East in Pine Falls in addition to directing the affairs of another Lodge before he left Ontario some years ago. He leaves to W. Bro. French a happy and harmonious Lodge atmosphere, even if some of the junior officers are not too strong in their work.

Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156. The baby Lodge of the Tenth Masonic District and until just recently the youngest Lodge in Manitoba, is fast developing into a strong integral unit in our fraternal family. Adversity develops strength of character and this is well exemplified in Manitouwapa. Coming into existence just before the depression the Lodge was not more than established when that calamity struck. In addition the sparsely settled area means great distances between members, in fact, some members travel farther to attend each meeting than what is required of some D.D.G.M.s to make a complete round of their district. Serving a pioneer area these brethren, during the depression years, saw around them on every hand the dire necessity which follows in the wake of a national calamity. With this background they grasped the opportunity to practice Freemasonry when the call for food parcels came and their response was most generous. Scattered as the membership is over a hundred miles of territory this meant largely individual effort which was effectively directed by the Secretary, W. Bro. Armstrong, who has in his possession such a sheaf of letters of appreciation from Old Country brethren as would put to shame what some Lodges call their Masonic Library.

This is the only Lodge in the District which bonds its Secretary. This is a straight business arrangement and should be adopted by all Lodges. Too many Lodges appear to look on bonding as a reflection on the integrity of the Secretary.

To their Church service they invite a clergyman from Winnipeg, and to make the trip as easy as possible for their visiting Padre they hold the service at Lundar at the south end of the District. This is just characteristic of this group—they will go half way or better to meet the other fellow.

Financially the Lodges are all in a sound position, indicative of the times, which brings up a matter which some of the Lodges could be considering seriously and that is the question of new regalia. It is also noted that in a few Lodges the degree markers are indicated by the numerals 1, 2, 3, which are not nearly so smart as EA, FC, MM. I would recommend the letters as the designating symbols when new markers are purchased.

I would also suggest that more care be exercised in the preparation of the Lodge notices, to check them for inaccuracies. Pine Falls notice carried R.W. Bro. L. E. Gendron as R.W. Bro. L. E. Bendron. Seven Oaks for months had R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole as R.W. Bro. G. E. Cole. Stonewall and Stony Mountain did not change their Lodge notice until after the first month in the new year had elapsed. This list of officers should show, at least, the past rank of each and every one on the list.

Checking over some of the notices at the new year I noted that the occasional I.P.M. joined with the newly installed Worshipful Master in extending felicitations for the new term. A Master should realize that at installation he becomes I.P.M., and leave to the new Master the messages for the new year. Each one in turn has had twelve months in which to express his good wishes and I am a strong believer in the British tradition "The King is dead—Long live the King."

I would also recommend that the Board make up its mind as to the form of reporting on official visits of the D.D.G.M. I have been supplied with Form No. 21 and form No. 21-1M-47 and they are different in respect to question 5.

This same question 5 led to a discussion at the District meeting as some exception was taken to the interpretation put on R.W. Bro. Gendron's observations on degree work. I must and do now apologize to R.W. Bro. Gendron for not giving him an opportunity to speak to the question. I had not previously studied the reports in detail so was not familiar with the point raised, and rather than let the matter get too involved I closed the discussion. Since the District Meeting I have looked into the individual reports and I am of the opinion the objection was well taken. When R.W. Bro.Gendron reported that the various Worshipful Masters called on the Past Masters to assist in the degree work he was only reporting on what is common practice. I fail to find any suggestion on his part that this was necessary, due to the inability of the Masters of 1948 to confer degrees.

I would strongly recommend that more attention be paid to the historical records. Some of the Lodges are doing a good job, others have a wealth of material which is still to be assembled and recorded in suitable form. This record is particularly essential at the present time as the influx of new members is rapidly changing Lodge personnel and without suitable records some of us are going to lose the essential significance of the past.

This report has been critical and I have no apologies to make as the criticisms are only along what might be termed the working mechanics of the organization. In the essentials the membership at large, are fundamently sound, although, it does take considerable questioning at times to find out what activities are carried on by the Lodges as separate and distinct entities or the Lodge members as individuals but in a collective way.

Might I pay tribute to the past District Deputy Grand Masters who were most kind, to the various Worshipful Masters who were very solicitous to our comfort and who furnished all the required records, and to the officers, W. Bro. A. C. Pritchard, District Secretary, and W. Bro. Wm. Thompson, District Chaplain. To the members at large, who in the generosity of their heart, allowed me the privilege of being your personal representative and thereby having a most enjoyable experience, I am very grateful.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN NORQUAY,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

As my year as District Deputy Grand Master draws to a close, it is a pleasure for me to submit for your approval a report of the progress of this great Fraternity of ours in the Twelfth Masonic District.

It was with some temerity that I started on my journey following Grand Lodge Communication in June, 1949. However, at a meeting of District Deputy Grand Masters in early September, I was with others very well briefed and encouraged by yourself and our lovable Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother Peter Pilkey.

My official visits to the eleven Lodges in the Twelfth Masonic District were as follows:

September 12, 1949	Windsor Lodge No. 138.
September 14, 1949	Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137.
September 22, 1949	Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143.
October 4, 1949	Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144.
October 7, 1949	Fidelity Lodge No. 146.
October 12, 1949	Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
October 14, 1949	Tuscan Lodge No. 141.
November 4, 1949	Capitol Lodge No. 136.
November 10, 1949	Beaver Lodge No. 139.
November 14, 1949	Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145.
November 17, 1949	Meridian Lodge No. 140.

At each Lodge I was received with sincerity and dignity befitting my position as your representative. On these visits I was accompanied by a good representation of the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges and other brethren. They were most loyal to me. I addressed the brethren on the philosophic side of Freemasonry, the relationship it has with our every day lives, with religion, etc. These addresses, I believe were received with considerable interest. Fuller reports of my visits have been submitted to you on form 21. I would like to add as a general observation that I am of the opinion that our Craft is progressing steadily in every way. Membership in the Twelfth Masonic District now stands at 2451 an increase of 123 over the previous year. The growth is also shown by a petition for a new Lodge in the Charleswood area being presented to me. These documents will be in your hand within the next week or so. All Lodges are in a sound financial condition. Degree work is being exemplified in an excellent manner as the brethren of the respective Lodges are anxious to keep their work up to the necessary requirements and as near perfection as possible. Officers in charge of the Lodges are quite capable and I have no fear for the future of Freemasonry in this District.

Dinner meetings of Worshipful Masters and Wardens were continued and held monthly with good attendance. These meetings I recommended as being most satisfying, enlightening and helpful. I believe the success I feel my District has is largely due to these meetings, and the utmost co-operation from the senior officers of the respective Lodges.

The annual District meeting was held on the evening of January 30, 1950. There was an excellent attendance of 195, considering the severe weather. At this meeting you Most Worshipful Sir favored the brethren with a very fine address on the mechanics of Freemasonry and the workings of Grand Lodge. I am sure the brethren who attended this meeting gained an exceptional insight into the methods of our great Fraternity. Right Worshipful Bro. Garton gave us a talk on the symbolism of the jewels worn by Lodge Officers, this was very interesting and educational. As this was the first meeting to elect the incoming D.D.G.M. under amended section 41 of the Constitution, considerable interest was invoked. Arrangements and procedure were very well handled and as a result of the election my successor, W. Bro. Reid Glenn of Fort Osborne Lodge, was chosen. At this meeting the eleven Lodges in the District presented their reports. All had some particular activity to report for the good of Freemasonry and humanity as a whole. Originals of these reports have been turned over to the Grand Secretary. A report was also given on behalf of the "44" Club, and I would be remiss if I did not mention it. This club of Past Masters and District Officers have done magnificent work for the good of Freemasonry. Their project of procuring movie projectors to reflect reading material on ceilings for immovable patients in hospitals is most commendable.

The Sixth Annual District Ladies' Night was held in the Fort Garry Hotel, the evening of March 31, 1950. This was a most successful affair and is a highlight which I believe is exclusive to the Twelfth Masonic District. Such an affair is to be commended.

Our annual Church parade this year was to the New Shaarey Zedek Synagogue on the evening of Friday, April 21, 1950. I was very happy that you, Most Worshipful Sir and other Grand Lodge Officers were able to attend. My thanks are again turned to the brethren of Mount Sinai Lodge for their assistance. The attendance far exceeded my expectations, but I would estimate of the 2300 persons who were able to gain entrance to the building, approximately 1200 were members of the Masonic Fraternity. It was a memorable evening and the sermon preached by Brother Rabbi Aron was most appropriate for the occasion. I am sure that all of us who attended were deeply impressed and felt it was a privilege to worship in this beautiful Temple. It would make us all realize as the last verse of the Lesson in First King's Chapter 8 read, "That all the people of the Earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else."

It was a privilege and a pleasure for me Most Worshipful Sir to attend with you on a number of your official visits and District meetings. During the year I attended due to my office, many functions, both in the Twelfth and First and other Masonic Districts, Anniversaries, Ladies' Nights, Special Occasions, Church Parades, etc., all of which were most profitable and enjoyable. One of my very pleasant duties on your behalf was to present a 50-year Masonic Jewel to Brother Laird in the Twelfth District.

My sincere thanks to you, Most Worshipful Sir for your kind assistance, advice and encouragement during the year. I realize you have been under a severe strain during months past and under the circumstances I appreciate more so, your help.

This I am sure will be an exceptional year for you as it will be climaxed with the 75th Anniversary of Freemasonry in the Province of Manitoba. You can rest assured that the brethren of the Twelfth District will support whole heartily your plans for this great celebration.

I would also express my thanks to all the brethren in my District for the many courtesies, large and small, that have helped to make my term of office so pleasant. It has been a most busy but enjoyable year for me and I am, Most Worshipful Sir, thankful for the privilege that has been mine to be one of your representatives. I trust that my duties have been discharged in such a manner that I have made some small contribution for the good of Freemasonry in general.

And finally I would thank with all my heart the District Officers who so ably responded and assisted me on every occasion. Secretary, W. Bro. J. Reid Glenn, Treasurer, W. Bro. Sam C. Swanton and Chaplain, W. Bro. Alex J. MacIver.

At the time of writing this report I understand that Grand Lodge Communication and other arrangements have been postponed in view of the flood catastrophe in the Red River Valley and the City of Winnipeg. Our sympathy is extended to you Sir and other brethren who have been forced to leave their homes owing to this calamity. I am sure the brethren in the Twelfth Masonic District who have escaped the ravages will show true Masonic spirit in the great problem of rehabilitation before us.

All of which I respectfully submit.

Fraternally and Sincerely yours,

DAVID MILLIKEN,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED
TO
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER
GRAND LODGES
1949

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Henry E. Bletcher

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1

District Deputy Grand Master, 1909
Junior Grand Warden, 1912
Senior Grand Warden, 1913-1914
Deputy Grand Master, 1915
Grand Master, 1916

DIED
November 12th, 1949

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Edward A. Braithwaite

Northern Light Lodge No. 10

Grand Steward, 1899
Grand Registrar, 1900
Senior Grand Warden, 1901
Deputy Grand Master, 1902
Grand Master, 1903

DIED
December 7th, 1949

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

John James Henderson

Miniota Lodge No. 102

Senior Grand Deacon, 1921
District Deputy Grand Master, 1922
Junior Grand Warden, 1937
Senior Grand Warden, 1938
Deputy Grand Master, 1939
Grand Master, 1940
Grand Librarian, 1949

DIED
July 1st, 1949

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

John Thomas Boyd

Meridian Lodge No. 140

District Deputy Grand Master, 1929
Junior Grand Warden, 1934
Senior Grand Warden, 1935
Deputy Grand Master, 1936
Grand Master, 1937

DIED
June 6th, 1950

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Hugh A. Innes

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3

District Deputy Grand Master, 1944
Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1945-6-7
Junior Grand Warden, 1948
Senior Grand Warden, 1949

DIED
July 1st, 1950

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

George G. Teeter

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1
District Deputy Grand Master, 1934

DIED
February 15th, 1949

John McRae

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1
Grand Pursuivant, 1933

DIED
August 30th, 1949

John J. Sinclair

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
Fidelity Lodge No. 146
District Deputy Grand Master, 1937

DIED
June 19th, 1949

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William M. Bentley

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1907

DIED
November 24th, 1949

James Eavers

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
Senior Grand Deacon, 1931
Senior Grand Steward, 1939

DIED
February 2nd, 1949

Frederick E. Wenman

Glenwood Lodge No. 27
Grand Steward, 1911

DIED
August 21st, 1949

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Robert M. Smith

Oak Lake Lodge No. 44

Grand Pursuivant, 1908
Grand Steward, 1909
District Deputy Grand Master, 1910

DIED
October 8th, 1949

William Cairns

Temple Lodge No. 49

District Deputy Grand Master, 1903

DIED
July 18th, 1949

Donald T. Hird

Treherne Lodge No. 51

Grand Steward, 1912

DIED
September 18th, 1949

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Thomas Hurtley

King Edward Lodge No. 93
Grand Steward, 1907

DIED
January 25th, 1949

James Irwin

Empire Lodge No. 127
Junior Grand Deacon, 1943

DIED
May 11th, 1949

Hugh Mackenzie

Meridian Lodge No. 140
District Deputy Grand Master, 1938

DIED
February 11th, 1949

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Harry Sherstone

The Dormer Lodge No. 151
Grand Chaplain, 1937-8

DIED
November 30th, 1949

Raymond S. Jones

Flin Flon Lodge No. 153
Honorary District Deputy Grand Master, 1944

DIED
February 21st, 1949

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Murray, Rob't.	Jan. 7th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
MacLean, F. A.	Jan. 14th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Parish, W. L.	Feb. 20th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Wheeler, A. W.	Feb. 23rd, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Densham, R. G.	Mar. 9th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
McSkimmings, D. G.	Mar. 13th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Owen, E. H.	Apr. 28th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Nickolson, J. R. W.	June 3rd, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Macdonald, D. R. G.	July 7th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Dion, H. O.	Aug. 25th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Hamilton, F. C.	Aug. 27th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Stronach, J.	Sept. 28th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
North, F.	Nov. 21st, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Scott, R. A.	Nov. 25th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Finkleman, Chas.	July 2nd, 1949	Lisgar	2
Thorvaldson, Svein	July 14th, 1949	Lisgar	2
Young, W.S.	Aug. 3rd, 1949	Lisgar	2
Lacey, A. H.	Oct. 3rd, 1949	Lisgar	2
Muckle, J. Mc.	Dec. 12th, 1949	Lisgar	2
McLean, D.	Jan. 29th, 1949	Ancient Landmark	3
Clark, L. E.	Feb. 2nd, 1949	Ancient Landmark	3
Dyson, D. J. J.	Mar. 12th, 1949	Ancient Landmark	3
Dawson, R.	Apr. 19th, 1949	Ancient Landmark	3
McTaggart, N. B.	May 17th, 1949	Ancient Landmark	3
Swinford, F.	May 26th, 1949	Ancient Landmark	3
Johnson, J. E.	Aug. 8th, 1949	Ancient Landmark	3
Burwash, G. O.	Feb. 19th, 1949	St. John's	4
Hanford, H. G.	Mar. 2nd, 1949	St. John's	4
Richardson, H. N.	Mar. 4th, 1949	St. John's	4
Stinson, E. L.	Mar. 23rd, 1949	St. John's	4
Easton, J.	Apr. 29th, 1949	St. John's	4
Peck, M. H.	May 4th, 1949	St. John's	4
Johnston, W.	July 21st, 1949	St. John's	4
Sutton, T.	July 25th, 1949	St. John's	4
Boyes, A.	Aug. 5th, 1949	St. John's	4
Hardy, J. K.	Aug. 8th, 1949	St. John's	4

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OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
McFadyen, C. H.	Sept. 7th, 1949	St. John's	4
Boyd, C. A.	Sept. 20th, 1949	St. John's	4
MacMillan, A. H.	Oct. 1st, 1949	St. John's	4
Harris, T. E.	Nov. 15th, 1949	St. John's	4
Roberts, W.	Dec. 2nd, 1949	St. John's	4
Hewett, G. A.	Dec. 29th, 1949	St. John's	4
McLeod, T. R.		St. Johns	4
Spence, W. J.	Jan. 18th, 1949	Emerson	6
Baker, H. N.	Mar. 1st, 1949	Emerson	6
Little, G. W.	May 10th, 1949	Emerson	6
Cameron, S. A.	Sept. 16th, 1949	Emerson	6
MacDonald, J. W.	Jan. 15th, 1949	Assiniboine	7
Campbell, A.	Apr. 15th, 1949	Assiniboine	7
Marchant, F.	Apr. 30th, 1949	Assiniboine	7
Craw, J. Y.	May 10th, 1949	Assiniboine	7
Winton, H.	June 3rd, 1949	Assiniboine	7
Stewart, D.	Aug. 30th, 1949	Assiniboine	7
Argue, Geo.	Jan. 14th, 1949	Northern Light	10
Cadman, W. L.	May 15th, 1949	Northern Light	10
Le Page, W. M.	June 6th, 1949	Northern Light	10
Lewis, H. G.	July 15th, 1949	Northern Light	10
Moffatt, F. J.	Aug, 25th, 1949	Northern Light	10
Binns, A. S.	Oct. 10th, 1949	Northern Light	10
MacLean, D. A.	Aug. 19th, 1949	Gladstone	11
Campbell, J. W.	Sept. 29th, 1949	Stonewall	12
Atkins, W. C.	July 24th, 1949	Morden	13
Burton, F. W.	Feb. 2nd, 1949	Prince of Wales	14
Armitage, J. E.	May 11th, 1949	Prince of Wales	14
Collins, L. A.	June 27th, 1949	Prince of Wales	14
Dick, W. B. N.	June 23rd, 1949	Corinthian	15
Rorke, J. R.	June 28th, 1949	Corinthian	15
Mathews, R. G.	Dec. 26th, 1949	Corinthian	15
Shank, Chas.	Feb. 12th, 1949	Brandon	19
Dawson, L. J.	July 22nd, 1949	Brandon	19
Dennett, F. G.	Aug. 22nd, 1949	Brandon	19
Fraser, W. G.	Feb. 16th, 1949	Neepawa	24

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Dark, J.	Mar. 18th, 1949	Neepawa	24
Beard, H. W.	Sept. 6th, 1949	Neepawa	24
Parker, A. D.	Jan. 13th, 1949	Ionic	25
Jannings, H.	Mar. 27th, 1949	Ionic	25
Spicer, H.	Mar. 30th, 1949	Ionic	25
Farmer, S. T.	May 25th, 1949	Ionic	25
Harris, W. F.	Aug. 25th, 1949	Ionic	25
Connell, Jas. W.	Sept. 8th, 1949	Ionic	25
O'Neill, C. C.	Sept. 15th, 1949	Ionic	25
Johnson, S.	Sept. 17th, 1949	Ionic	25
Duff, R.	Oct. 2nd, 1949	Ionic	25
Dewart, G.	Nov. 30th, 1949	Ionic	25
Parr, J. F.	Dec. 14th, 1949	Ionic	25
Denner, J. F.	Dec. 25th, 1949	Ionic	25
Andrews, Wm.	Dec. 29th, 1949	Ionic	25
Croll, N. D.	May 21st, 1949	Glenwood	27
White, H. R.	Sept. 1st, 1949	Glenwood	27
Collinson, J.	Oct. 5th, 1949	Glenwood	27
McKenzie, C. H.	Nov. 5th, 1949	Glenwood	27
Kelly, J. S.	Dec. 27th, 1949	Glenwood	27
Tripp, W. R.	June 1st, 1949	Carberry	29
Brown, R.	July 9th, 1949	Birtle	39
Hughes, F. W.	Oct. 29th, 1949	Deloraine	40
Beveridge, W. R.	Mar. 27th, 1949	Lebanon	43
Abernethy, R. H.	Apr. 14th, 1949	Lebanon	43
Carscadden, S. S.	May 14th, 1949	Lebanon	43
Ray, Mervyn, H.	Dec. 4th, 1949	Lebanon	43
More ,H. J.	Dec. 23rd, 1949	Lebanon	43
McBain, S. L.	Jan. — 1949	Lebanon	43
Thompson, F. C.	Jan. 27th, 1949	Lebanon	43
Hart, A.	Apr. 30th, 1949	Oak Lake	44
Christie, Jonas	Feb. 24th, 1949	Glenboro	48
Thompson, M.	Sept. 5th, 1949	Temple	49
Woods, E. H.	Sept. 21st, 1949	Treherne	51
Roper, Jas.	May 16th, 1949	Hartney	52

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Foot, A. T.	Dec. 5th, 1949	Hartney	52
Floyd, M. P.	July 21st, 1949	Oriental	54
Brown, T.	Aug. 27th, 1949	Oriental	54
McKenzie, J. A.	Feb. 27th, 1949	East Star	55
Tennant, J. D.	Oct. 20th, 1949	Russell	62
Northey, F.	Feb. 2nd, 1949	Holland	63
Whitley, E. M.	Jan. 29th, 1949	Wawanesa	67
Caley, T.	Aug. 10th, 1949	Vermillion	68
Marsh, Wm.	Sept. 8th, 1949	Vermillion	68
Stocks, R. C.	Oct. 13th, 1949	Shiloh	70
Norton, Wm.	May 6th, 1949	Crystal	71
McNamee, W. G.	Aug. 1st, 1949	Crystal	71
Glenn, G. A.	Aug. 29th, 1949	Crystal	71
Hood, J.	Feb. 21st, 1949	Napinka	77
Speed, W. T.	May 21st, 1949	Napinka	77
McHattie, W. H.	Oct. 30th, 1949	Napinka	77
Sutherland, J. A.	Jan. 9th, 1949	Hamiota	84
Caswell, D.	Feb. 19th, 1949	Rathwell	87
Caswell, W. A.	Mar. 13th, 1949	Rathwell	87
Malcolmson, J.	Jan. 28th, 1959	Midlothian	90
Haines, R. I.	Mar. 17th, 1949	Midlothian	90
Dunn, Wm.	July 25th, 1949	Midlothian	90
McMillan, A.	Sept. 1st, 1949	Midlothian	90
Martin, W. B.	Mar. 17th, 1949	Shoal Lake	92
Eastcott, J. W.	Dec. 3rd, 1949	Shoal Lake	92
Lawson, R.	Dec. 4th, 1949	Shoal Lake	92
Morrison, Nils, O.	Jan. 5th, 1949	King Edward	93
McCoubrey, Jas.	Jan. 31st, 1949	King Edward	93
Evans, F. R.	May 9th, 1949	King Edward	93
Lowry, Wm.	May 27th, 1949	King Edward	93
Turk, H.	June 24th, 1949	King Edward	93
Marten, Jas.	June 27th, 1949	King Edward	93
Welch, T.	July 30th, 1949	King Edward	93
Jones, H. M.	Aug. 20th, 1949	King Edward	93
Agger, W.	Oct. 10th, 1949	King Edward	93

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
McKay, R.	Dec. 6th, 1949	King Edward	93
Hussey, J.	Feb. 18th, 1949	Hiram	94
Adair, T. J.	Mar. 23rd, 1949	Hiram	94
McDonell, W. C.	Apr. 27th, 1949	Hiram	94
Vanalstyne, W. O.	Nov. 11th, 1949	Robbie Burns	100
Manning, A. J.	Jan. 18th, 1949	Reston	104
Harper, G. A.	Mar. 20th, 1949	Reston	104
Wilkins, W. E.	Apr. 19th, 1949	Reston	104
McPherson, J. W.	Feb. 1st, 1949	Reston	104
Griffiths, J.	Dec. 1st, 1949	Prince Arthur	105
McMillan, D. C.	Apr. 27th, 1949	Lansdowne	107
Evans, W. C.	Sept. 10th, 1949	Union	108
Gillespie, R.	Oct. 13th, 1949	Union	108
Gingles, W. J.	Oct. 14th, 1949	Acacia	111
Bliss, R.	Dec. 3rd, 1949	Acacia	111
Best, Wm.	Feb. 4th, 1939	Acacia	111
Hoffman, A. J.	Apr. 3rd, 1949	Acacia	111
Larson, J. O.	May 11th, 1949	Ophir	112
Fletcher, W. H.	Jan. 13th, 1949	Tweed	113
Lee, P. O.	Feb. 2nd, 1949	Tweed	113
Chambers, P. H.	May 9th, 1949	Tweed	113
Wilkie, W. A.	Nov. 15th, 1949	Tweed	113
King, N. J.	Nov. 3rd, 1949	Tweed	113
Kindree, R.	Jan. 2nd, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Dickson, A.	Feb. 9th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Parker, C. L.	Apr. 12th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Duffin, E. C.	Apr. 18th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Groff, S. F.	Apr. 28th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Champion, D. A. S.	June 11th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Dawson, G. H.	June 21st, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Evans W. S.	June 27th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Skinner, G.	June 16th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Eggleston, C. E.	July 20th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Morrison, D. J.	Aug. 12th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Fraser, E. S.	Aug. 16th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114

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Morrey, J. S.	Sept. 29th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Warren, L. A. H.	Oct. 7th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Ainslie, G. M.	Feb. 10th, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Greasley, J. E.	Aug. 28th, 1949	Rivers	115
Lord, A. G.	Apr. 10th, 1949	St. Andrew's	116
Heath, L.	Oct. 3rd, 1949	Strathcona	117
Creith, R. A.	Oct. 18th, 1949	Mound	118
Oakes, J. R.	May 14th, 1949	Norwood	119
Boulton, A. S.	Dec. 12th, 1949	Norwood	119
Robinson, W. A.	Dec. 30th, 1949	Norwood	119
McMahon, M.	Jan. 24th, 1949	St. James	121
Kelly, A. D.	Mar. 2nd, 1949	St. James	121
Sands, D. S.	Apr. 29th, 1949	St. James	121
McCulloch, D.	Nov. 23rd, 1949	St. James	121
Gill, J. A.	Aug. 15th, 1949	Roblin	122
McArthur, N. D.	Apr. 1st, 1949	Transcona	123
Chapman, A. C.	Dec. 9th, 1949	Transcona	123
Creighton, T.	Apr. 6th, 1949	The Pas	124
Campbell, D.	Aug. 21st, 1949	The Pas	124
Engebretson, A. T.	Aug. 28th, 1949	The Pas	124
Gordon, J. P.	Sept. —, 1949	The Pas	124
Sinclair, K. K.	Nov. 21st, 1949	The Pas	124
Vickery, F. C.	Dec. 7th, 1949	The Pas	124
Smith, J. H.	May 27th, 1949	Patricia	125
Bertram, R.G.	Oct. 14th, 1949	Favel	126
Williams, J.		Favel	126
Chadburn, G. F.	Aug. 11th, 1949	Empire	127
McDonald, J. A.	Mar. 21st, 1949	Victory	128
Baldwin, D.	May 18th, 1949	Victory	128
Tunnah, R.	Sept. 19th, 1949	Fort Garry	130
McKinnon, D. E.	Dec. 6th, 1949	Fort Garry	130
Johnson, S.	Apr. 10th, 1949	Kildonan	131
Simpwright, W. G.	Aug. 18th, 1949	Sprague	132
McLean, R. G.	May 31st, 1949	McCreary	133
Scott, G. H.	Aug. 23rd, 1949	McCreary	133
Hollingsworth, S.	Feb. 16th, 1949	Capitol	136

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MacKay, J.	July 8th, 1949	Capitol	136
Wollam, G. F.	July 24th, 1949	Capitol	136
Martin, A.	Jan. 10th, 1949	Windsor	138
Richardson, H. N.	Mar. 4th, 1949	Windsor	138
Watson, W. F.	Mar. 22nd, 1949	Windsor	138
Lockhart, R.	Feb. 2nd, 1949	Beaver	139
Toole, J. H.	Mar. 12th, 1949	Beaver	139
Adams, J.	Mar. 20th, 1949	Beaver	139
Scrase, C. W. E.	Apr. 31st, 1949	Beaver	139
Mills, G. H.	Oct. 15th, 1949	Beaver	139
Williamson, M. R.		Beaver	139
Williams, A. H.	Mar. 3rd, 1949	Meridian	140
Burnett, J.	Mar. 3rd, 1949	Meridian	140
Garbut, A. E.	Nov. 30th, 1949	Meridian	140
Clark, R. J.		Tuscan	141
Hurtig, A.	Aug. 6th, 1949	Mt. Sinai	143
Best, D. A.	Feb. 8th, 1949	Sturgeon Creek	145
Fleming, J.	July 26th, 1949	Fidelity	146
McInnes, J. A.	Jan. 10th, 1949	Jubilee	147
Beckett, J. A.	May 20th, 1949	Seven Oaks	148
Underwood T.	Jan. 21st, 1949	The Dormer	151
Franklin, J. J.	Dec. 26th, 1949	Foxwarren	152
Bell, J.	June 11th, 1949	Carman	155

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McDonald, T.	Mar. 15th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Ranas, G. A.	Mar. 15th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Heussen, T.	Apr. 19th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Brundrit, G.	Sept. 20th, 1949	Prince Rupert's	1
Glendenning, H. V.	Apr. 19th, 1949	Lisgar	2
Campbell, M. H.	Dec. 20th, 1949	Lisgar	2
Heaton, J. W.	Dec. 20th, 1949	Lisgar	2
Cowie, W. A.	Sept. 7th, 1949	St. John's	4
Barber, H. R.	Dec. 31st, 1949	Assiniboine	7
Kenworthy, B. F.	Dec. 31st, 1949	Assiniboine	7
Wallace, J. W.	Dec. 31st, 1949	Assiniboine	7
Rankin, R. G.	Dec. 13th, 1949	King Solomon	8
Rice Jones, C.	Dec. 15th, 1949	Northern Light	10
Tucker, G.	Jan. 20th, 1950	Northern Light	10
Vincent, A. W.	Sept. 1st, 1949	Stonewall	12
McPhedran, J. F.	Dec. 1st, 1949	Stonewall	12
Burley, W. C.	Dec. 1st, 1949	Stonewall	12
Beattie, C. W.	Dec. 16th, 1948	Morden	13
Chandler, W. J.	Dec. 16th, 1948	Morden	13
Stephenson, R.	Dec. 16th, 1948	Morden	13
Jack, A.	Oct. 13th, 1949	Prince of Wales	14
Rothwell, Rev. Warren	Nov. 10th, 1949	Prince of Wales	14
Helgason, J. S.	Dec. 6th, 1949	Corinthian	15
Milne, J.	Jan. 11th, 1949	Brandon	19
Jensen, R. I.	Feb. 8th, 1949	Brandon	19
Hayes, R. A.	Feb. 8th, 1949	Brandon	19
Clee, J. C.	Oct. 11th, 1949	Brandon	19
Younger, F. D.	Dec. 13th, 1949	Brandon	19
Udell, H. N.	Dec. 13th, 1949	Brandon	19
Swanson, C. O.	Apr. 12th, 1949	Neepawa	24
Manderson, D. P.	Sept. 13th, 1949	Neepawa	24
Hvolbull, T. K.	Mar. 7th, 1949	Ionic	25
Weegar, J. D.	Nov. 7th, 1949	Ionic	25
Smith, A. V.	Dec. 5th, 1949	Ionic	25
Williams, H. J.	Apr. 22nd, 1949	Glenwood	27
Frost, S.	July 5th, 1949	Carberry	29
Hughes, R. M.	Oct. 4th, 1949	Carberry	29
Roberts, C. A.	Jan. 1st, 1949	Birtle	39
Tremboth, R. C.	Jan. 19th, 1949	Deloraine	40
Moore, J. M.	Mar. 3rd, 1949	Deloraine	40
Friesen, J. K.	Jan. 4th, 1949	Lebanon	43
Stefansson, B.	Feb. 1st, 1949	Lebanon	43
Goodmanson, G. E.	Dec. 13th, 1949	Glenboro	48

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Scott, J. K.	Dec. 19th, 1949	Killarney	50
Dalton, R.	Dec. 13th, 1949	Russell	62
Menzies, J. H.	Apr. 13th, 1949	Holland	63
Blackwell, R. W.	Oct. 12th, 1949	Holland	63
Gault, F. W. C.	Apr. 5th, 1949	Vermillion	68
Jackson, H. M.	Jan. 4th, 1949	Vermillion	68
Brown, G. A.	Jan. 13th, 1949	Shiloh	70
Stillborn, H. S.	Jan. 11th, 1949	Crystal	71
Hay, H.	Oct. 11th, 1949	Crystal	71
Landerkin, C. W.	Dec. 13th, 1949	Crystal	71
Niven, T. E.	May 9th, 1949	Elkhorn	74
McLennan, D. R.	Nov. 23rd, 1949	Hamiota	84
Coombs, W. A.	Nov. 23rd, 1949	Hamiota	84
Webb, C. G.	Dec. 23rd, 1949	Hamiota	84
Cline, E. A.	Dec. 10th, 1949	Rathwell	87
Homuth, E. B.	Dec. 19th, 1949	Rathwell	87
Craft, G. E.	Nov. 20th, 1949	Crescent	103
Mills, M.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Livingston, H. W.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Livingston, C. W.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Baldwin, S. E.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Velde, J.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Wilcox, E. C.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Stewart, J. A.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Macadam, G. F.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Baldwin, W. L.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Livingston, R. L.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Wrixon, J. G.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Frantz, C. S.	Dec. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Mills, H. F.	Jan. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
McDole, B. L.	Jan. 16th, 1949	Crescent	103
Harvey, R.	Jan. 13th, 1949	Reston	104
Munro, H. G.	Jan. 13th, 1949	Reston	104
Clarke, Rev. J. E.	Dec. 28th, 1949	Prince Arthur	105
Hanley, R. A.	Nov. 23rd, 1949	Lansdowne	107
MacLeod, C. C.	Nov. 23rd, 1949	Lansdowne	107
Brookson, R.	Dec. 28th, 1949	Lansdowne	107
Hardy, H.	Jan. 1st, 1949	Kilwinning	110
Dullas, H.	Dec. 14th, 1949	Kilwinning	110
Einfield, M. P.	Jan. 12th, 1949	Acacia	111
Heywood, P.	Jan. 18th, 1949	Tweed	113
Kennedy, J. W.	Jan. 18th, 1949	Tweed	113
Campbell, D.	May 17th, 1949	Tweed	113

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
McQuarrie, R. L.	Sept. 20th, 1949	Tweed	113
Hansen, A. T.	Sept. 20th, 1949	Tweed	113
Magilton, J.	Nov. 18th, 1949	Tweed	113
Carr, J. A.	Nov. 18th, 1949	Tweed	113
Bellamy, C. E.	Dec. 20th, 1949	Tweed	113
Rungay, H. H.	Dec. 20th, 1949	Tweed	113
Young, F. H.	Dec. 20th, 1949	Tweed	113
McEown, F. B.	Dec. 31st, 1949	"The Assiniboine"	114
Moore, P. H.	Dec. 27th, 1948	Rivers	115
Page, G. H.	Mar. 28th, 1949	Rivers	115
Carghill, G.	Dec. 27th, 1949	Rivers	115
Tindall, F. I.	Dec. 5th, 1949	St. Andrew's	116
Cross, W. A.	Jan. 27th, 1949	Mound	118
Johansen, E.	Mar. 24th, 1949	Mound	118
Tuckwell, D. R.	Aug. 25th, 1949	Mound	118
Tunna, J. D.	Dec. 30th, 1949	St. James	121
Pridmore, G. T.	Dec. 30th, 1949	St. James	121
Manson, J. C.	Dec. 30th, 1949	St. James	121
Starkman, G.	Nov. 14th, 1949	Roblin	122
Starkman, B. A.	Nov. 14th, 1949	Roblin	122
Johnston, D. M.	Dec. 2nd, 1949	Transcona	123
Angus, A. J. D.	Dec. 2nd, 1949	Transcona	123
Hamlyn, A. G.	Feb. 3rd, 1949	The Pas	124
Dunn, A.	Oct. 6th, 1949	The Pas	124
Scott, S. H.	Dec. 1st, 1949	The Pas	124
McLeod, J. C.	Dec. 7th, 1949	Patricia	125
Tanner, A. B. W.	Jan. 10th, 1949	Empire	127
Ward, W. T.	Dec. 12th, 1949	Empire	127
Spencer, C. E.	Dec. 21st, 1949	Victory	128
Croxford, V.	Jan. 12th, 1949	Fort Garry	130
McLeod, A. M.	Jan. 12th, 1949	Fort Garry	130
Hembroff, S. W.	Oct. 12th, 1949	Fort Garry	130
Einfield, C.	Jan. 11th, 1949	Kildonan	131
Saunders, A.	Dec. 14th, 1949	Sprague	132
Elwell, C. H. W.	Feb. 2nd, 1949	Stony Mountain	134
Block, H.	Sept, 1949	Stony Mountain	134
Cowherd, C. A.	Nov. 4th, 1949	Capitol	136
Skinner, F. J.	Sept. 2nd, 1949	Capitol	136
Wallace, G. C.	Dec. 14th, 1949	Lord Selkirk	137
Argue, R. F.	Jan. 10th, 1949	Windsor	138
Burton, G. E.	Jan. 10th, 1949	Windsor	138
Roper, W. J.	Jan. 10th, 1949	Windsor	138
Barrie, J. G.	Sept. 12th, 1949	Windsor	138

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Tod, G.J.	Dec. 12th, 1949	Windsor	138
Bird, W. O.	Dec. 12th, 1949	Windsor	138
Tait, M. V.	Jan. 1st, 1949	Beaver	139
Leggatt, R. J.	Jan. 7th, 1949	Beaver	139
Eaton, A. H.	May 12th, 1949	Beaver	139
Stanley, J. A.	Oct. 7th, 1949	Beaver	139
Robinson, A. H.	Oct. 13th, 1949	Beaver	139
Cantley, Jas.	Feb. 17th, 1949	Meridian	140
Bell, P. S.	Dec. 15th, 1949	Meridian	140
Ward, A. E.	Dec. 15th, 1949	Meridian	140
Atnikov, F. R.	Dec. 22nd, 1949	Mt. Sinai	143
Rost, O. C. E.	Oct. 4th, 1949	Fort Osborne	144
Burgess, C. H.	Nov. 1st, 1949	Fort Osborne	144
Clifford, F. S.	Dec. 6th, 1949	Fort Osborne	144
Harrison, H.	Mar. 14th, 1949	Sturgeon Creek	145
Creed, E. H.	Nov. 14th, 1949	Sturgeon Creek	145
Haldane, W.	Oct. 7th, 1949	Fidelity	146
Brewer, G. A.	Dec. 31st, 1949	Fidelity	146
Mullins, H. B.	Nov. 10th, 1949	Jubilee	147
Basley, S. V.	Dec. 9th, 1949	Seven Oaks	148
Barfoot, W.	Dec. 9th, 1949	Seven Oaks	148
Madill, F. T.	Mar. 23rd, 1949	Cartwright	150
Melvin, A. C.	Apr. 19th, 1949	Cartwright	150
Grapentine, H.	Feb. 1st, 1949	The Dormer	151
Wishart, H. A.	Oct. 4th, 1949	The Dormer	151
Robinson, C. J.	Dec. 6th, 1949	The Dormer	151
Robb, D.	Dec. 7th, 1949	Foxwarren	152
Keston, L.	Nov. 1st, 1949	Flin Flon	153
Lavery, H. G.	Nov. 1st, 1949	Flin Flon	153
McConnell, J. A.	Dec. 9th, 1949	Pine Falls	154
Badger, E. W.	Jan. 18th, 1949	Carman	155
Moorbey, T.	Oct. 17th, 1949	Manitouwapa	156
Stefanson, E.	Oct. 17th, 1949	Manitouwapa	156
Erdlets, J. F. (Jr.)	May 6th, 1949	Rice Lake	157
Williamson, W.	May 6th, 1949	Rice Lake	157
Sutton, F. R.	Oct. 7th, 1949	Rice Lake	157
Smith, H. S.	June 24th, 1949	Fenwick	158
Ferguson, G. W.	Nov. 25th, 1949	Fenwick	158
Gall, W. D.	Nov. 25th, 1949	Fenwick	158
Daum, C. G.	Dec. 1st, 1949	Newdale	159

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas. Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston		*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thos. Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	*Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells.
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1915	*William Fenwick	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	C. F. Hasselfield	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J. Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	....	†Rev. George R. Calvert

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1935	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		†Dean George R. Calvert
1936	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	†Dean G. R. Calvert	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	†Dean G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	*J. J. Henderson	†Dean G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	†Dean G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S .H. Fahrni	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1943	Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1946	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	*Alex. Burgess	Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1947	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Alex. Burgess	Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1948	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Hugh A. Innes	W. Percy White	Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. R. S. Montgomery
1949	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Hugh A. Innes	G. A. McMorran	W. Percy White	Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. R. S. Montgomery
1950	Chas. E. Cole	F. H. Blythe	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	W. Percy White	Harry Coddington		Rev. Canon Fredk. Hughes

* Dead † Removed from Jurisdiction

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	J. W. Clark	W. K. Mulock	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	G. M. Gilhuly	John Veitch	Third Tuesday
A— 3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	J. L. Angus	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
A— 4	St. John's	Winnipeg	G. P. Macleod	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	W. H. Storms	K. C. R. Coulter	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	W. B. Crealock	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	W. H. Dickson	O. B. Cossitt	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	James Souter	Robt. Collier	Third Thursday
A— 11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Swen Sorenson	C. Wallis	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Bastiaan Newhouse	M. R. Good	First Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	Walter Banting Rogers	Wm. Godfrey	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Robert Wood	J. G. Fasken	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	J. H. W. Flanigan	A. Dennis	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	R. A. Fedoruk	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
A— 24	Neepawa	Neepawa	R. E. Beecher	Arthur Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	R. L. Jex	E. L. Hardie	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	J. G. Hatch	Dr. H. A. Croll	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	A. McKay	R. J. Hood	First Tuesday
30	Manitou	Manitou	N. H. Ashley	H. H. Black	First Monday
36	Doric	Boissevain	Ivan J. Hawking	A. W. Vincent	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	J. A. Harrison	Geo. S. Barker	Third Monday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	J. Colville	H V. Boles	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	H. McDonald	C. Moore	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	L. C. Story	P. W. Paul	Second Thursday
A— 48	Glenboro	Glenboro	L. J. Caslick	G. M. Smith	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	MacGregor	G. F. W. Venn	L. B. Patterson	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	E. H. Howey	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	C. R. Newcombe	L. E. Staples	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	L. C. Chapin	J. L. Crowe	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	G. C. Forster	J. G. Cobb	Fourth Tuesday
55	East Star	Gretna	D. J. Friesen	C. L. Hayward	First Thursday
62	Russell	Russell	H. E. Anderson	C. E. Whitmer	Second Tuesday
63	Holland	Holland	H. J. Down	Jas. Murray	Second Wednesday
64	Composite	Alexander	J. H. G. Parks	L. W. Skinner	Third Thursday
A— 67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	G. H. Sundell	C. L. Atkinson	Third Monday

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68	Vermillion	Dauphin	G. Scott	E. Johansen	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	A. R. Smith	R. J. Byers	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	C. A. Corbett	R. S. McGill	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	H. M. McIntosh	C. G. Webster	Second Monday
75	Gothic	Austin	G. Bull	G. R. Gray	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	G. A. Pue	A. S. Baskier	First Thursday
A— 82	Cypress	Cypress River	G. A. Taggart	R. I. Connon	Fourth Monday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	W. T. Andrew	A. Cummings	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	B. Hatton	E. J. Smillie	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	J. Wilson	E. B. Litz	First Tuesday
90	Midlothian	Miami	A. W. Henderson	A. C. Orchard	Third Monday
A— 92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	W. S. Govenlock	B. H. Manning	Second Thursday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	E. D. Burden	S. A. Restall	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	D. R. McKinnon	D. N. McIntyre	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	A. W. Snyder	W. A. Knott	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	A. W. Simpson	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	Miniota	Miniota	R. G. Mitchell	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	H. W. Penston	J. R. Ivey	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	C. A. Caldwell	John Cuthill	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	A. Nielson	P. E. Zinger	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	V. T. S. Snowden	H. W. Clark	Third Tuesday
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	M. Kinnear	M. R. Sutherland	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	W. L. McDonald	J A. Mills	First Thursday
A—109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	R. J. H. Summer	G. O. Couch	Third Wednesday
110	Kilwinning	Minto	A. O. Sprott	T. Nesbitt	Second Monday
A—111	Acacia	Winnipeg	C. C. Battison	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	J. J. Leeder	Ben. Warkentin	First Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	B. Thordarson	Dr. H. S. Perdue	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	D. P. Martell	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	F. G. Taylor	R. G. Sinclair	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	A. J. Grant	J. H. Caldwell	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona	Belmont	M. MacDonald	R. D. Saunders	Fourth Tuesday
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	R. B. McLean	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	J. W. Taylor	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	Penza	Dominion City	W. J. Smart	A. G. Froom	Fourth Tuesday

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121	St. James	St. James	C. R. Saul	E. S. Reeves	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	A. J. E. Martin	Geo. Kelso	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	M. J. G. McMullen	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	R. C. Jackson	Wm. Howie	First Thursday
125	Patricia	Sperling	O. S. Lundquist	J. J. Tjaden	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	G. D. Bertram	H. Laing	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Winnipeg	W. F. Coleman	Jas. Wardrope	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	N. J. Dutchyshen	H. S. Tax	Third Wednesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	R. G. Scott	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	Winnipeg	A. W. Ogston	A. H. Brotheridge	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	J. Mills	D. L. Thomson	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	J. Crout	T. E. Squire	Second Wednesday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	J. C. Wishart	Thos. Hartley	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	R. J. Emerson	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	W. A. Clarke	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	J. Burns	J. B. McClure	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	M. S. Lougheed	F. H. Herbert	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	P. D. Strange	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	R. J. Harris	H. E. Harris	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	A. T. Russell	F. H. Bishop	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai	Winnipeg	J. M. Lyons	F. B. Dubinsky	Fourth Thursday
A—144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	J. O. Stebbing	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	A. R. Laird	L. D. Bester	Second Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	R. H. Gregory	Wm. Wilson	First Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	A. R. Sutherland	H. J. Jenkins	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	Winnipeg	J. J. Douglas	A. C. Fritchard	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	W. R. Hopper	C. I. Day	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	Winnipeg	S. Colville	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	G. S. Belton	V. G. Hillcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	P. Brennan Mann	W. A. Young	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	J. K. French	B. H. Campbell	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	L. R. Roth	J. A. Leslie	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	R. H. Francis	W. A. L. Armstrong	Third Tuesday
157	Rice Lake	Bissett	H. W. Scott	R. J. Minton	First Friday
158	Fenwick	Brandon	W. A. Wyborn	Hugh. M. Kerr	Fourth Friday
159	Newdale	Newdale	J. S. R. Reid	R. G. Brown	First Thursday

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1948	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1949
1	Prince Rupert's	13	12	7	6	1	4	1	0	17	412	—8	402
2	Lisgar	15	10	10	2	0	3	0	0	6	164	...	172
3	Ancient Landmark	15	15	15	2	2	0	1	0	11	358	...	365
4	St. John's	23	21	37	4	2	1	0	0	18	611	+13	634
6	Emerson	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	75	...	73
7	Assiniboine	16	13	12	9	2	3	3	0	6	270	+1	286
8	King Solomon	1	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	0	71	...	66
10	Northern Light	7	6	6	4	0	2	0	0	7	325	...	327
11	Gladstone	5	6	6	1	2	0	1	0	1	80	...	86
12	Stonewall	9	10	8	2	1	3	0	0	1	121	...	129
13	Morden	4	5	5	1	0	3	1	0	1	93	+1	94
14	Prince of Wales	10	8	3	2	1	2	1	0	4	115	+2	123
15	Corinthian	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	65	—1	64
19	Brandon	11	6	8	2	0	6	1	0	3	238	+1	242
24	Neepawa	5	5	5	3	0	2	5	0	3	168	...	166
25	Ionic	32	41	31	5	1	3	3	0	14	604	...	622
27	Glenwood	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	6	169	...	167
29	Carberry	2	1	1	2	5	2	3	0	1	72	...	75
30	Manitou	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	65	—1	64
36	Doric	5	4	5	5	1	0	0	0	1	99	...	109
39	Birtle	4	4	4	3	0	1	0	0	1	58	...	63
40	Deloraine	3	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	90	+3	93
43	Lebanon	3	5	6	3	1	3	2	0	7	110	...	105
44	Oak Lake	5	5	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	35	+1	38
48	Glenboro	3	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	62	—1	64
49	Temple	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	86	...	82

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50	Killarney	5	5	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	74	...	78
51	Treherne	6	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	64	—3	66
52	Hartney	4	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	102	+6	110
54	Oriental	13	16	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	63	—1	73
55	East Star	6	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	—4	47
62	Russell	2	4	3	5	1	1	0	0	1	60	—3	63
63	Holland	6	6	5	1	0	2	1	0	1	67	...	70
64	Composite	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	...	59
67	Wawanesa	5	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	63	...	68
68	Vermillion	9	9	9	3	1	2	0	0	0	182	—3	188
70	Shiloh	2	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	83	...	83
71	Crystal	7	8	5	1	0	3	0	0	3	73	—1	74
74	Elkhorn	4	4	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	48	—1	50
75	Gothic	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	59	+3	64
77	Napinka	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	71	...	69
82	Cypress	4	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	—2	44
84	Hamiota	4	5	5	1	0	3	0	0	1	69	—2	68
86	Elgin	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	73	...	74
87	Rathwell	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	24	—1	23
90	Midlothian	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	78	+1	80
92	Shoal Lake	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	82	...	80
93	King Edward	11	11	11	1	1	0	2	0	11	309	—2	307
94	Hiram	7	7	8	1	0	0	0	0	3	88	...	93
100	Robbie Burns	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	35	—1	37
101	Binscarth	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	...	40
102	Miniota	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	57	...	57
103	Crescent	2	5	5	0	0	15	0	0	0	84	...	71

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104	Reston	6	8	3	1	0	2	0	0	3	170	—1	171
105	Prince Arthur	4	5	6	5	0	1	2	0	1	103	...	108
106	Strathclair	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	52	...	54
107	Lansdowne	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	51	...	47
108	Union	4	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	2	48	...	53
109	Swan Lake	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	—2	37
110	Kilwinning	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	52	...	52
111	Acacia	22	21	21	2	0	1	0	0	4	256	+1	276
112	Ophir	10	15	18	0	0	0	2	0	1	75	...	82
113	Tweed	9	10	11	2	0	10	1	0	5	274	—1	268
114	"The Assiniboine	14	12	15	1	5	1	0	0	15	358	...	358
115	Rivers	9	10	10	1	1	3	2	0	1	76	+2	83
116	St. Andrew's	5	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	36	+1	40
117	Strathcona	4	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	55	+5	60
118	Mound	4	4	7	0	0	3	0	0	1	83	...	83
119	Norwood	26	16	16	6	0	0	0	0	3	255	—1	283
120	Penza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	+1	43
121	St. James	18	17	17	5	0	3	0	0	4	234	—2	248
122	Roblin	3	3	3	2	0	2	0	0	1	67	...	69
123	Transcona	3	5	5	0	0	2	0	0	2	172	...	171
124	The Pas	11	6	8	1	0	3	0	0	6	120	...	123
125	Patricia	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	47	+2	49
126	Favel	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	56	...	56
127	Empire	20	20	20	1	2	2	2	0	2	172	—1	188
128	Victory	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	51	...	50

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130	Fort Garry	15	19	22	3	1	3	0	0	2	258	-1	271
131	Kildonan	6	6	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	127	...	131
132	Sprague	2	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	34	-1	33
133	McCreary	7	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	53	-1	57
134	Stony Mountain	5	5	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	69	...	73
136	Capitol	34	26	25	3	0	2	0	0	4	241	...	271
137	Lord Selkirk	7	11	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	115	-1	121
138	Windsor	26	28	28	2	1	6	2	0	3	169	+2	189
139	Beaver	18	14	20	3	3	5	6	0	6	276	+10	293
140	Meridan	23	23	24	4	1	3	4	0	4	332	...	349
141	Tuscan	1	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	99	...	99
142	Harmony	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	33	...	39
143	Mt. Sinai	14	13	13	4	0	1	0	0	1	284	...	300
144	Fort Osborne	19	21	20	0	4	3	0	0	0	169	...	189
145	Sturgeon Creek	9	8	8	1	0	2	0	0	1	138	...	145
146	Fidelity	16	17	17	4	0	2	3	0	4	216	...	227
147	Jubilee	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	58	...	60
148	Seven Oaks	7	7	8	1	1	2	1	0	1	109	-2	112
150	Cartwright	4	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	36	...	38
151	The Dormer	14	14	14	0	0	3	3	0	2	95	...	101
152	Foxwarren	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	37	...	36
153	Flin Flon	10	13	13	2	1	2	3	0	1	129	...	136
154	Pine Falls	6	9	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	60	—1	66
155	Carman	9	8	7	0	1	1	1	0	1	72	+4	83
156	Manitouwapa	4	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	72	—2	72

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1949—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1948	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1949
157	Rice Lake	19	20	20	0	0	3	0	0	0	25	...	41
158	Fenwick	8	4	6	8	0	3	0	0	0	79	...	92
159	Newdale	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	...	25

SUMMARY

	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1948	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1949
Page 1	249	242	225	72	23	49	34	0	131	5209	+6	5345
Page 2	189	189	192	31	11	54	15	0	75	3518	—5	3600
Page 3	323	316	329	45	17	62	26	0	57	4200	+6	4446
Page 4	30	27	28	8	0	7	0	0	0	127	...	158
Totals	791	774	774	156	51	172	75	0	263	13054	+7	13,549
									Net Gain			495

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's	9	6	15	120	282	63	11	98.00	945.00	1,425.18	735.00	18,153.49	2,300.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	5	14	83	282	70	37	400.00	223.27	10.00	1,010.73	31,802.42	2,900.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's	9	9	18	148	486	136	46	980.00	280.00	7,183.40	555.00	36,873.50	-------	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light	9	1	10	79	248	76	32	295.00	541.49	1,599.39	110.00	12,844.70	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic	10	15	25	155	467	130	51	748.00	195.76	1,946.25	*55,223.56	3,207.44	2,500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward	9	6	15	63	243	90	40	414.00	338.06	340.58	242.00	8,572.58	1,600.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia	9	8	17	58	218	62	27	231.00	455.00	2,230.75	1,431.28	12,351.74	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	9	8	17	78	280	70	6	58.00	44.00	957.66	-------	17,826.66	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood	9	13	22	44	239	79	26	198.00	218.42	644.19	256.00	11,844.10	8,700.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James	9	10	19	33	215	75	31	315.00	245.90	1,216.12	120.00	12,511.12	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire	9	15	24	26	162	48	16	152.00	314.28	1,510.98	937.42	10,260.86	6,000.00	Active	1	Own

*Includes the Liability for Life Memberships

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

7	Assiniboine	10	20	30	108	178	65	43	355.85	163.68	1,268.61	4.32	16,975.30	25,000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone	12	2	14	25	61	24	11	77.00	50.00	228.90	----	4,278.90	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
24	Neepawa	10	4	14	53	113	40	7	60.00	141.50	585.63	1,992.60	3,893.03	3,000.00	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry	11	2	13	31	38	19	11	72.00	17.49	86.03	----	3,716.03	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple	12	2	14	39	41	25	10	65.00	----	370.45	----	4,470.45	3,700.00	Dormant	1	Own
75	Gothic	10	1	11	33	31	10	7	45.00	----	91.00	250.00	2,022.00	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union	10	4	14	22	31	12	6	24.00	50.00	402.54	----	2,338.29	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
116	St. Andrew's	11	5	16	23	17	13	11	84.00	71.80	1,754.84	----	2,776.84	200.00	Active	1	Rent
133	McCreary	12	1	13	15	42	20	11	200.00	35.00	20.73	500.00	4,020.73	2,400.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro	11	--	11	25	38	18	7	49.00	95.46	596.99	-----	946.99	350.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne	11	1	12	20	46	24	6	36.00	15.87	803.25	-----	4,003.25	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
63	Holland	11	5	16	32	37	20	8	60.00	-----	111.51	-----	1,411.51	400.00	Active	1	Rent
67	Wawanesa	12	1	13	14	54	25	8	170.00	4.89	238.09	-----	1,088.09	250.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress	8	2	10	22	21	13	6	84.00	-----	197.42	-----	797.42	600.00	Active	1	Rent
87	Rathwell	11	1	12	7	16	14	4	32.00	5.00	354.45	17.65	623.30	300.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent	9	1	10	25	45	29	1	45.00	105.90	78.85	-----	2,040.85	800.00	Active	1	Rent
109	Swan Lake	10	1	11	8	29	14	--	24.00	-----	192.95	-----	2,892.95	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
117	Strathcona	12	1	13	23	37	18	7	187.50	27.25	559.94	-----	2,755.94	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

13	Morden	10	1	11	53	41	22½	21	154.00	25.00	1,106.60	-----	3,006.60	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou	8	--	8	27	37	17	11	75.00	35.00	541.06	-----	3,255.43	------	Active	1	Rent
36	Doric	11	1	12	24	85	25	9	59.00	-----	------	-----	------	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney	12	--	12	22	56	22	8	74.65	36.00	317.71	-----	2,567.71	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	13	6	19	27	46	33	6	51.00	188.94	613.49	-----	1,063.49	200.00	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	11	2	13	21	62	18	22	154.00	36.15	683.89	-----	1,433.89	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright	8	--	8	17	21	15	9	62.00	253.60	724.72	-----	1,024.72	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
14	Prince of Wales	10	5	15	63	60	30.5	21	240.00	505.00	427.37	160.50	7,506.87	6,500.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian	12	3	15	9	55	22	3	24.00	15.00	69.97	118.00	3,321.97	2,600.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle	12	--	12	20	43	23	2	10.00	24.50	261.31	110.00	5,928.64	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
62	Russell	12	4	16	22	41	21	4	25.00	36.68	102.77	1,820.00	4,982.77	5,200.00	Active	1	Own
84	Hamiota	12	2	14	7	62	28	6	51.00	105.63	507.11	-----	507.11	200.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	10	3	13	46	34	11	17	126.00	-----	547.16	542.00	2,099.16	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth	11	1	12	11	29	13	30	304.00	10.00	143.11	-----	843.11	500.00	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota	12	--	12	29	27	14	7	40.00	25.00	965.00	-----	4,890.00	3,625.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair	12	1	13	18	36	20	4	29.00	105.50	74.13	43.75	2,530.38	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers	9	4	13	27	56	23.5	19	93.25	25.00	2,055.89	-----	5,055.89	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony	11	1	12	11	28	14	3	20.00	-----	284.06	-----	784.06	500.00	Active	1	Rent
152	Foxwarren	11	2	13	15	21	16	6	36.00	8.25	755.90	-----	2,115.90	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
159	Newdale	10	--	10	4	21	15	3	21.00	100.00	223.36	-----	673.36	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

27	Glenwood	10	3	13	82	85	37	17	108.00	128.01	670.08	------	13.570.08	12,500.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	12	1	13	23	70	--	20	163.00	660.00	439.14	3,579.50	17,676.77	11,000.00	Active	1	Own
52	Hartney	12	4	16	50	58	--	14	98.00	45.00	789.83	------	1,704.23	800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	12	2	14	20	53	--	7	56.00	30.00	1,629.59	154.50	2,760.09	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka	11	--	11	31	38	--	4	30.00	10.00	281.69	------	981.69	150.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	11	--	11	15	59	--	21	110.00	45.00	512.86	------	912.86	------	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	5	17	31	140	--	15	144.00	358.20	324.31	111.76	14,412.55	11,500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	10	--	10	23	28	--	4	78.00	52.03	74.16	300.00	2,374.16	2,600.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon	10	10	20	65	176	48	14	114.00	169.89	1,627.60	------	10,176.60	------	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon	10	2	12	62	45	23	6	56.00	154.85	431.15	73.95	2,707.20	450.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake	11	3	14	19	19	14	6	72.00	137.78	123.18	100.00	2,713.18	1,900.00	F. Active	1	Own
64	Composite	10	1	11	20	39	28	25	168.00	25.00	405.93	15.00	2,490.93	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
74	Elkhorn	12	1	13	38	22	14	8	90.00	275.00	403.44	137.00	162.19	4,500.00	F. Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne	10	--	10	17	32	16	14	98.00	20.00	201.00	------	------	800.00	Dormant	1	Own
113	Tweed	10	10	20	83	185	33	40	258.00	416.47	1,651.76	661.27	19,453.48	------	Active	1	Rent
158	Fenwick	10	8	18	10	82	35	3	18.00	80.73	1,310.38	500.00	968.60	------	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
6	Emerson	10	2	12	32	41	20	10	230.00	113.84	196.09	------	6,734.20	5,700.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon	12	2	14	32	33	17	4	30.00	25.00	540.00	------	3,590.00	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star	11	2	13	33	14	14	5	82.50	10.00	176.71	80.62	1,096.09	900.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh	10	--	10	21	62	28	10	71.00	17.00	1,430.26	------	5,701.26	250.00	Active	1	Rent
90	Midlothian	9	5	14	31	49	21	15	131.00	481.55	401.22	600.00	1,077.41	200.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	11	--	11	13	30	17	4	20.00	27.30	47.54	------	2,047.54	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia	9	3	12	21	27	21	--	-----	60.00	362.62	36.78	1,075.84	300.00	Active	1	Rent
132	Sprague	12	--	12	17	16	11	9	105.00	------	343.15	------	943.15	------	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman	10	3	13	14	69	30	--	-----	84.05	560.58	40.34	1,320.24	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion	11	--	11	57	131	35	49	15.85	400.00	451.62	4,800.00	14,451.62	7,000.00	Active	1	Own
94	Hiram	12	6	18	35	58	26	11	54.00	370.00	122.00	100.00	3,422.00	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns	9	2	11	16	21	13	10	33.50	307.00	81.34	------	881.34	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur	12	4	16	43	65	24	20	165.00	84.28	706.24	------	1,706.24	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin	12	2	14	15	54	25	4	30.00	------	278.68	------	4,209.11	1,600.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel	12	2	14	18	38	20	12	100.00	125.00	550.02	------	1,050.02	500.00	Active	1	Rent
128	Victory	8	5	13	17	33	16½	6	32.00	------	643.83	------	1,343.83	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	12	1	13	25	35	18	8	60.00	52.72	348.31	------	798.31	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
2	Lisgar	10	10	20	48	121	41	27	219.00	263.00	1,653.31	------	5,653.31	3,000.00	Active	3	Own
12	Stonewall	12	4	16	29	100	45	10	104.00	109.09	203.61	100.00	3,303.61	3,500.00	Active	3	Own
112	Ophir	10	6	16	7	75	19	17	160.00	225.00	677.57	------	12,000.00	8,500.00	Active	2	Own
123	Transcona	9	6	15	29	142	49	14	149.00	487.00	2,252.72	------	5,138.75	1,000.00	Active	3	Rent
131	Kildonan	9	7	16	24	107	50	16	145.00	392.25	1,040.25	135.25	5,921.40	500.00	Active	2	Rent
134	Stony Mountain	11	2	13	33	40	20	12	76.00	21.00	84.13	------	2,221.13	1,400.00	Active	2	Own
148	Seven Oaks	9	3	12	16	96	44	8	86.00	50.00	1,809.10	*83.00	7,627.10	1,000.00	Active	2	Rent
151	The Dormer	9	8	17	2	99	44	5	60.00	147.00	644.85	171.00	4,500.85	500.00	Active	3	Rent
154	Pine Falls	10	2	12	23	43	20	7	26.50	------	980.26	75.50	3,220.12	400.00	Active	2	Rent
156	Manitouwapa	9	1	10	19	53	31	3	37.50	48.44	614.34	184.70	1,930.64	500.00	Active	2	Rent

*1950 Dues Paid in Advance

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1949

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	8	17	46	225	65	19	240.00	175.95	200.00	299.45	5,560.43	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	12	21	44	228	86	24	230.00	260.00	2,161.40	------	4,861.40	1,100.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk	9	1	10	22	99	45	12	140.00	441.81	2,982.86	------	3,002.86	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor	9	14	23	28	161	63	22	224.00	529.00	254.51	437.52	24,584.99	22,500.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	10	19	67	225	84	55	472.60	215.00	978.12	244.95	5,743.17	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	10	19	52	297	103	41	360.00	438.28	1,127.03	805.00	13,903.64	500.00	Active	1	Rent
141	Tuscan	9	--	9	19	77	30	34	465.00	97.82	1,034.69	99.00	2,321.69	350.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mt. Sinai	9	4	13	39	261	68	26	298.00	12.00	1,513.06	1,212.77	10,769.29	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne	9	7	16	39	150	45	14	122.50	416.97	1,494.01	------	5,499.06	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek	9	9	18	26	119	48	17	162.00	345.00	789.58	------	2,647.08	800.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	8	17	28	199	52	36	360.00	234.12	1,819.38	210.50	8,919.88	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER 31st DECEMBER, 1949

124	The Pas	10	6	18	46	76	40	23	241.25	------	152.12	480.00	11,845.94	8,400.00	Active	1	Own
153	Flin Flon	10	12	22	53	83	45	12	125.00	798.50	510.22	180.67	10,617.06	9,000.00	Active	1	Own
157	Rice Lake	9	6	15	3	38	25	--	-----	150.00	695.73	33.75	661.98	500.00	Active	1	Rent

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
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Alpina (Switzerland)	F. Muller-Ruegg	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona	Joseph A. E. Ivey	Tuscon, P.O. Box 1488
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	W. R. Simpson	Vancouver 692 Seymour Ave.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario)	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili	Rene Court	Santiago
Colombia	Enrique de Paramo	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver, 319 Masonic Temple
Connecticut	Earle K. Haling	Hartford, 3.
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba	Jose F. Castellanos	Havana Apt. 72
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark, N. G. L.	K. J. Nilsson	Copenhagen, 23 Blegsdamvej.
District of Columbia	Aubrey H. Clayton	Washington, D. C.
Equador	Augusto Jijon T.	Guayaquil
England	Sydney A. White	London
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville (2)
France, G. L.	Marc Rabrosse	8 Rue Puteaux
France, N. G. L.	C. H. Harrison	65 Boulevardi Bleniau, Neuilly-sur-seine, Paris, France
Guatemala	Oscar Paz Pinto G.	Guatamala City
Georgia	Daniel W. Lochlin	Macon, 801 Mulberry St.
Honduras	Constantino S. Ramos	Honduras, C. A.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	Dwight L. Smith	Indianapolis
Iowa	Earl B. Dalzell	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	New Orleans
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	Harry Coddington	Winnipeg
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Boston, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, York G. L.	Lynn M. Phillips	Box 1986, Mexico D.F.
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian, Box 1030
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	Kansas City
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena, Box 896
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Omaha, 401 Masonic Temple
Netherlands	Dr. A. A. Galestin	Holland—'s Gravenhage
Nevada	E. O. Peterson	Carson City, 500 Mountain St.
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430.
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord, 44 S. Main St.
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Chandler C. Thomas	Albuquerque, P.O. Box 535

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Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Geo. R. Irving	New York (10)
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Christchurch, C. I. P.O. Box 1293
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Norway	Odd Lie-Davidsen	N. Voldgate 19, Oslo
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johanson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Portland 5
Panama	Julio Icaza	Panama, Apt. 84
Paraiba	Orlando-Rego Luna	Paraiba, Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia 7
Philippine Islands		
Puerto Rico	Angel M. Torres	San Juan A.S.S.R. Temple
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	E. G. Radford	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	Jacy Garnier de Bacellar	Rio de Janeiro Box 2215
Santa Domingo	José Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Sao Paulo	Joffre Prestes	Sao Paulo, Brazil, P.O. Box 2611
Scotland	Alex F. Buchan	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Australia	F. J. Ellen	Freemason's Hall North Terrace, Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls, P.O. Box 468
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas		
Uruguay	Luis Mario Limido	Waco
Utah	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Victoria	William Stewart	Melbourne, 25 Collins St
Vienna		
Virginia	Jas. N. Hillman	Richmond
Washington	John L. Preisener	Tacoma
West Virginia	Frank F. Flaig	Charleston, 28-P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	F. W. M. Sanders	Perth, Box d-117, G.P.O.
Wisconsin	Paul W. Grossenbach, J.	Milwaukee 705 E. Wells St.
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina (Switzerland)	Wm. Planta	Berne	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chili	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forrestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Eric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Tomas E. Sierra	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 4, 1946
District of Columbia	Convass B. Dean	Arlington, Va.	Aug. 8, 1949
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	April 2, 1940
France, G. L.	Louis Doignan	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Irving Stahl	Guatemala	Oct. 31, 1945
Georgia	John W. Evans	Athens	Oct. 12, 1947
Honduras	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	Harry J. Beers	New Albany	Feb. 5, 1945
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G. L.	R. E. Valentine	Monterry N.L. Mexico	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Clyde E. Hegman	St. Paul	June 27, 1949
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	Guy Dowen	Chinook	Nov. 24, 1949
Nebraska	Ernest C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1948
Netherlands	Dr. M. ten Cate	Bolsward	April 16, 1949
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire	Donald W. Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	John G. Benton	Jal	Dec. 4, 1945
New South Wales	Sidney A. Taplin	Drummayne	Aug. 5, 1947
New York	Carl A. Mehne	Valhalla	Mar. 20, 1948
New Zealand	Robt. W. Carpenter	Hawk's Bay	Mar. 4, 1949
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July 10, 1935
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan. 5, 1930
Norway	Sigurd Halvorsen	Oslo	July 30, 1948

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date	
Nova Scotia	Rev. G. R. Thompson	Truro	May	18, 1943
Ohio	Forest R. Dwyer	Bradford	July	28, 1943
Oklahoma	J. Gard Duncan	Wapanucka	Dec.	31, 1946
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec.	4, 1933
Panama	Maurice J. Piza Gabriel	Panama	Jan.	21, 1949
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July	10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb.	6, 1940
Puerto Rico	Leon G.Reyes	Caguas	May	4, 1945
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May	8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan.	14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June	1, 1923
Rhode Island	Howard V. Allan	Warwick	July	29, 1948
Rio de Janeiro	L. Bert Love	Rio de Janeiro	Nov.	11, 1944
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jan.	5, 1939
Saskatchewan	F. C. Hayes	Swift Current	July	23, 1945
Scotland	O Macneill Watson	Glasgow	Aug.	19, 1948
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug.	1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May	15, 1934
South Dakota	Jess H. Thorpe	Watertown	Jan.	15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April	24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar.	1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar.	1, 1931
Uruguay	Martin M. Narancio	Montevideo	Feb.	8, 1949
Utah	John W. Buck	Park City	Oct.	4, 1945
Vermont	A. Horace Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan.	5, 1944
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept.	10, 1934
Virginia	Hugh Reid	Arlington, Va.	Nov.	21, 1949
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellenburg	Dec.	8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug.	17, 1939
Western Australia	Thos. H. Bath	Perth	Dec.	13, 1946
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May	1, 1939

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Alabama	B. Warkentin	Beausejour	Mar. 24, 1948
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 22, 1930
Arizona	Oliver L. Best	Winnipeg	Mar. 29, 1944
Arkansas	Fred. H. Blythe	Winnipeg	Sept. 5, 1947
British Columbia	J. C. Grant	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1945
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sep. 13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May 13, 1929
Colombia	A S. McCann	Winnipeg	
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May 21, 1935
Costa Rica	I. D. Lloyd	Emerson	Feb. 7, 1949
Cuba, Island of	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May 27, 1940
Delaware	H. A. Adair	Treherne	Jan. 23, 1946
Denmark	S. H. Fahrni	Portage la Prairie	Oct. 17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. C. Cabel	Winnipeg	Aug. 5th, 1949
Ecuador	S. W. Robertson	Winnipeg	Apr. 26, 1946
England	Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June 12, 1935
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	Apr. 30, 1945
France, N. G. L.	C. A. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
Franct, G. L.			
Guatemala			
Georgia	W. A. Prugh	Brandon	June 5, 1947
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	S. J. Sametz	Winnipeg	Mar. 7, 1949
Illinois	Wm. R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	R. E. Emmett	St. James	Apr. 3, 1944
Ireland	H. Coddington	Winnipeg	Oct. 14th, 1950
Kansas	J. V. Dillabough	Norwood	Mar. 5, 1948
Kentucky			
Louisiana	Chas. E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Winnipeg	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	David Ferguson	Moosehorn	Nov. 5, 1945
Massachusetts			
Mexico, York G. L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	A. J. Sawatzky	Morris	May 23, 1949
Minnesota	Ben. C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan. 13, 1938
Mississippi	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg	Feb. 9, 1945
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Winnipeg	Jan. 31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	H. A. Kaplan	Winnipeg	May 14, 1949
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July 9, 1921
Nevada	J. P. Mowat	Winnipeg	June 30, 1950
New Brunswick	R. A. McKenzie	Roland	May 16, 1949
New Hampshire	W. D. G. Runions	Winnipeg	Nov. 22, 1948
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbett	Stonewall	May 27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 10, 1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June 10, 1921
New York	G. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robt. Peel	Miniota	Sep. 4, 1941
North Dakota	J. F. Dart	McKenzie Island	Jan. 18, 1937
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	MacGregor	Oct. 24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	A. E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924

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Oklahoma	D. Wm. Smith	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 16, 1950
Oregon	A. D. Russell	Cardale	Mar. 28, 1950
Paraiba	Alex. Campbell	Winnipeg	June 15, 1946
Philippine Islands	John Livesey	Swan River	May 22, 1947
Panama			
Puerto Rico	G. V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	F. B. Lynes	Crystal City	June 3, 1948
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland	Geo P. Fairbairn	Winnipeg	Aug. 23, 1948
Rhode Island	J. R. C. Evans	Brandon	Oct. 18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro	W. C. McDonald	Roland	Apr. 12, 1947
Santa Domingo	Wm. G. Shaw	Elgin	May 30, 1932
Saskatchewan	H. H. Gray	Winnipeg	Nov. 10, 1948
Scotland	Wm. Douglas	Winnipeg	Feb. 11, 1936
South Australia	John J. Allen	Winnipeg	Feb. 21, 1950
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940
South Dakota	Jas. Wardrope	Winnipeg	Apr. 10, 1945
Tasmania	Thos. Dodsworth	Winnipeg	July 21, 1945
Tennessee	Jas. S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Binscarth	Feb. 14, 1941
Uruguay	Ernest A. Baragar	Elm Creek	June 1, 1949
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May 13, 1932
Victoria	Raymond M. Snider	Stonewall	June 20, 1945
Virginia	Clarence Hyde	Portage la Prairie	Nov. 25, 1948
Washington	Geo. R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May 20, 1929
West Virginia	David Griffith	Fort Garry	Nov. 27, 1944
Western Australia	J. B. McClure	St. Vital	Sept. 17, 1948
Wisconsin	Norman M. Hall	Winnipeg	May 7, 1945

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

The Following Reviews Cover
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RULES OF MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons—
Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: 1948 and 4000—5948.

Scottish Rite—
Add 3760 to the Common Era. Thus: 1948 and 3760—5708. After September add another year.

Royal Arch—
Add 530 years to the Vulgar Era. Thus: 1948 and 530—2478.

Royal and Select Masters—
Add 1000 to the Common Era. Thus: 1948 and 1000—2948.

Knights Templar—
From the Christian Era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1948—830.

Order of High Priesthood—
To the Christian Era add 1913, the Year of the Blessing. Thus: 1948 and 1913—3861.

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucius (A.L.), "in the year of light."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi (A.M.), "in the year of the world."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.I.), "in the year of the discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their Order, Anno Ordinid (A.O.), "in the year of the Order."

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedec; Anno Benefacio (A.B.). "in the year of the blessing."

Royal and Select Masters—

MASONIC POETRY

"Yes! we meet on the Level
Though from different stations come,
The rich man from his mansion,
The poor man from his home;
But the rich must leave his hoarded gold
Outside our temple door,
And the servant feels himself a man
Upon the Mason's floor."

A CRAFTSMAN'S PRAYER

Teach me, Supreme Master, I pray Thee
As my temple stones I prepare.
Grant that all my Ashlers may be
Perfectly level, plump and square.

As I shape each stone with the gavel
And divide my time with the guage
Help me the ancient mysteries unravel,
And as a Craftsman, earn my wage.

Help me to aid an erring brother,
By whispering counsel into his ear
On bended knee remember another,
When sickness or distress lurks near.

When the sands of my hour glass have run
And the scythe cut the brittle thread,
When I've finished the temple I've begun,
And the Acacia is at my head.

When the doleful low twelve rings out,
And Mother Earth claims my remains
May my character disclose no doubt,
And my apron bear no stains.

May my soul be aboard that ark,
Which shall cross the tempestuous sea,
Grant that hope shall anchor my bark,
In Thy harbor of eternity.

"We are builders of the temple,
We have pattern and design,
Tho our lives be plain and simple,
We must make them lives divine.

And when thus our work's completed,
On those shining silvery sands
We'l be welcomed, we'll be greeted
In the house not made by hands.

The Great Master waits there for us
'Neath the temple's starry dome,
And in love is watching o'er us
Master Masons coming home."

George Washington Doane, perhaps entirely unaware of their Masonic import, nevertheless goes to the heart of Masonic teaching in these lines of rare significance and beauty:

"Chisel in hand stood a sculptor boy
With his marble block before him,
And his eyes lit up with a smile of joy,
As an angel-dream passed o'er him.

"He carved the dream on that shapeless stone,
With many a sharp incision;
With heaven's own light the sculpture shone,—
He'd caught that angel-vision.

"Children of life are we, as we stand
With our lives uncarved before us,
Waiting the hour when, at God's command,
Our life-dreams shall pass o'er us.

"If we carve it then on the yielding stone,
With many a sharp incision,
Its heavenly beauty shall be our own,—
Our lives, that angel-vision."

"A mansion bright, beyond the gates of death,
No edifice that crumbles back to clay,
But a glorious house eternal in the skies.

"These, now, be Mason's wages; when from his hands
Forever fall the working tools of life,
Arising, to ascend to loftier work;—
From out the lowly quarries to be called
To labor in the City of the King;—
Glad in the light of one long endless day,
To serve anew the Celestial Architect
And Sovereign Master of the Lodge Above."

"Father's Lodge, I well remember, wasn't so large as lodges go,
There was trouble in December getting to it through the snow.
But he seldom missed a meeting; drifts or blossoms in the lane,
Still the Tyler heard his greeting, winter ice or summer rain.

"Father's Lodge had caught the gleaming of the great Masonic past;
Thinking, toiling, daring, dreaming, they were builders to the last.
Quiet men, not rich nor clever, with the tools they found at hand
Building for the great forever, first a village, then a land.

"Father's Lodge no temple building, shaped of steel and carved of stone;
Marble columns, ceilings gilded, Father's Lodge has never known.
But a heritage of glory they have left the humble ones;
They have left their mighty story in the keeping of their sons."

"We're brothers all, whate'er the place,
Brothers, whether in rags or lace,
Brothers all, by the good Lord's grace.

"Some may toil 'neath the burning sun,
Some may dream where the waters run,
But we're brothers all when the day is done.

"Some may rise by a hero's path,
Some may be lost alone, unsung,
But we're brothers all in the Lodge above."

"THE LODGE"

Brother Charles C. Lindsay, A Past Master of Cheyenne Lodge No. 1, was recognized and favored the brethren with a poem of his own composition, entitled "The Lodge:"

Why came I to this place, you ask,
And what it was I sought?
I only know that I have found
Some things which can't be bought.

To him who comes within these doors
In search of wealth and fame,
'Twer better if he stayed without
And humbly hid his shame.

The high and low, the rich and poor,
Are welcome, one and all,
If they but come in search of Light,
And hear the Master's call.

I've found that life is much more sweet
If one will only try
To help a Brother to his feet
Who may be slipping by.

It's not so much what's seen or heard
That seems to touch the spot;
It's rather what it makes you think
That really counts a lot.

They gave me many working tools
With which a house to build.
I hope that when my task is done
I will not shame the Guild.

"Live on! O Masonry, live on!
Thy work hath scarce begun;
Live on! Nor end, if end there be,
Till earth's last setting sun.
Live on! Thy work in ages past
Hath but prepared the way;
For evry truth thy symbols teach
There's pressing need today."
Lawrence Nicholas Greenleaf:

TRAIL BLAZERS

Blest is the land where Christian men
'Fore God will humbly bow,
And Freely, with a ready heart,
Embrace the Masonic vow.

Where men will serve unselfishly
A cause that must not fail!
Their faith, their hope, their love aglow,
As they stoutly blaze the trail!

We raise our hands in full salute
To honor and acclaim
Those men who blazed for us a trail
Of Charity and Fame.

Masons all! Some but a name,
A memory from the past;
Yet everyone has left his mark!
The trail was blazed to last.

Our tribute and our homage then
We tender full and free.
Our pledge: To follow in their steps,
Promoting Masonry.

Time marches on! And so do we!
With Cross and Holy Grail.
Our heart to God—Our hand to man—
We'll follow 'long the trail.

Our veteran Masons leave us
A heritage sublime.
It's ours to have—it's ours to hold
Until the end of time.

A heritage that leads the way
'cross mountain, lake and dale
To that new land where all will join
The men who blazed the trail.

ALBERTA. Grand Master. 1949

While world conditions are still most unsettled, and chaotic, we in Canada are very fortunate, and more especially so here in this wonderful province of Alberta. In our economic life, we have progressed even beyond our dreams. Our people have reaped rich returns from their labors. The great developments taking place in Agriculture, Mining and Oil production will increase the wealth of everyone. Rural electrification will bring conveniences and joy to many of our people.

Let us not just think of these in terms of material worth alone, but also in terms of service to mankind. Let us be happy ourselves and communicate that happiness to others. Above all let us return thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the many blessings we enjoy—for the peace and Brotherly Love among the people of Alberta, for we have been, and are, most fortunate in our associations.

While we are deeply appreciative of our present position, let us not forget our responsibilities as citizens, to make the most of our opportunities, that our progress may continue.

God gave us men and leaders of vision, for a people without vision shall perish. It is to be much regretted that the world of Freemasonry is still shrinking, and many parts of the globe are enveloped in impenetrable darkness, and the light of Masonry is extinguished by the forces of evil. It is my hope that this is only temporary, and in the near future may its beneficent influence spread wide and wider among the nations of the world.

In preparation for such a time, it is necessary that we keep bright and unsullied the great teachings of our Craft.

My motto for the year has been: "The object of our meeting in the lodge is of two-fold nature, namely, social intercourse, and moral instruction. Our meetings are intended to cultivate and enlighten the mind, to induce the habit of virtue, and to strengthen the fundamental principles of our order: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

While war and threats of war are present in many parts of the world, the Freemasons of this continent are privileged to meet and practice their noble work without molestation. Let us keep our eyes open and alert as well as prepared to defend our right to the great freedoms we now possess. There is no denying the fact that the black cloud of Communism has engulfed much of the world, much that was once proud of its Freemasonry. Therefore, brethren, guard well our portals, and at all times take a definite stand against Communism, or any "ism" that threatens our way of life, or prevents us from improving that way of life as we think fit.

> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather figs of thorns or grapes of thistles?"

ARIZONA. Grand Master. 1948

VISITATIONS

The most enjoyable experience of the year were those that came to me out of my visits to the subordinate Lodges. At each visit your Grand Master was made to feel that it was truly his night. Few were called on by the Masters to speak after I had delivered my address, which, is as it should be. The night of the Grand Master's visit should be his night, and the thoughts of others should not be expressed on that night to detract from his message or to encroach upon the dignity of the occasion.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1948

The address of the Grand Master touched on a variety of subjects, but uppermost in his thoughts was the infiltration of Communism into so many countries of the world It is too lengthy to report in our Proceedings and we would strongly advise our brethren to read his address on this subject.

And now, my brethren, in the words of the Great Apostle, "I have finished my course." I can only venture the hope that "I have kept the faith." Life's irrevocable record of my year of office has been written. What I have said and done is now beyond alteration and recall.

> "The moving Finger writes; and having writ,
> Moves on; nor all our Piety nor wit
> Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
> Nor all our tears wash out a word of it."

It has been a strenuous year, but one which has brought to me many intangible values and compensations. Perhaps I made my work harder than necessary. During my term of office I delivered forty-six major addresses, each on a separate topic. Everywhere I have received from the brethren the utmost kindness and hospitality. But, best of all, they have given me the gift of friendships—above the price of rubies—which I shall cherish through life. And, since like Hamlet, I "would unpack my heart with words," these little lines will voice the prayer of a full and thankful heart.

> "And since I have no gold to give
> And Love alone, must make amends,
> My only prayer is while I live
> God keep me worthy of my friends!"

In order to lessen the heavy exactions of time and energy on the Grand Master and on the Grand Secretary (who is obliged to be absent from his official duties for a considerable period of the year), and create a closer unity among the constituent Lodges in their respective Districts, I believe the time is opportune to consider the system of District Meetings adopted in the Western Grand Jurisdictions and elsewhere. Therefore I recommend a committee be appointed to consider this matter and report at our next Annual Communication.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1949

A year ago, when I was installed, I expressed the fear, that without the abilities of many of my predecessors, I would find it difficult to maintain the high standard set by them. In order to do so, I have had to approach my relationship to the Craft in a somewhat different manner. In my contacts with the brethren throughout the Jurisdiction, I have said little about the ritual, the symbolism, the history, the traditions or the glorious of our Institution. I have tried to impress on the brethren the principles for which we stand; the practice of fellowship and brotherly love; the search for the Truth, only by which a man can be free, and a Mason be a true Freemason; true Masonic benevolence; the love of the principles of true freedom and personal liberty and the individual rights bestowed on man by his God as taught in Freemasonry.

These are the subjects around which I have made up my addresses, stressing to the brethren that it is only by the practice of these principles which have their foundation in the Volume of the Sacred Law, that men and especially Freemasons can expect to make this world the kind of place we want to live in.

I have endeavored in all my talks to the brethren to submit to them suggestions and thoughts, which will make them think for themselves, for only by his own thinking and study can a man develop himself in any field, as well as in Freemasonry.

The Mission of Freemasonry is to bring man into a closer fellowship with his fellow man and a closer fellowship with his Maker. This I have tried to impress on our membership, keeping it the central thought in all my addresses. I feel that the Most High has helped me to put this message over to our brethren, and to Him I humbly render my thanks.

Throughout the year, I have endeavored to remind the lodges of their duty toward Freemasonry in the acceptance of material. I will refer to this subject later in my address. To the Worshipful Masters and lodge officers I have stressed their responsibility to the candidate after acceptance, for the correct impression he should receive by the conferring of our degrees, and for the proper instruction he is entitled to in the lessons and teachings of our Craft; to the end that good material be not wasted, and that the candidate will not only be another member, but another true Freemason.

Canada (in Ontario). Grand Master. 1949

LOYALTY

My brethren, all thoughtful men today are concerned with the absence of fundamental loyalties—loyalty to God—loyalty to country—loyalty to families—loyalty to friends—loyalty to principles. The consequence is that there is a lack of confidence in our fellow-men.

I should like, therefore, to bring before you strongly this question of absence of loyalty. I consider it one of the greatest, if not really the greatest danger, which today faces Freemasons and all Canadians who prize freedom and the many blessings of civilization.

To a greater extent than most of us imagine a man is known and evaluated by his loyalties. The true Mason, the good citizen, is loyal at all times to the Supreme Being, to his King and country, to his home, his church, his lodge, his friends, his own principles. To us in Canada the British institutions which we have inherited are dear to us and we must maintain them;

indeed, we shall not fail to maintain them. But there are in our Dominion, according to authentic reports, many thousands who have no such loyalties as Freemasons have. Many of them are engaged in subversive activities, seeking to undermine the British institutions which we cherish, eager to overthrow our system of government, anxious to resort to violence as soon as they can safely do so. They crave power over their fellowmen; they would abolish religion and turn our churches into museums, our schools into propaganda centres. Slave labor camps, concentration camps, firing squads are to them ideal means for attaining their devilish desires.

What can public-spirited citizens do to combat this menace? What can Masons do? Most natural is it for us to think that each one of us, as an indididual, has practically no influence and really no power. We expect governments to do almost everything for us. And it is precisely that feeling which produces the curse of apathy. We Anglo-Saxons are content to carry on in a quiet way until an emergency rouses us from our lethargy. And usually it must be a fairly serious emergency. No man can be, at one and the same time, a Mason and a traitor to his country; all Masons are loyal citizens, if they are true to the teachings of the Craft.

"Tell us, in exact detail," many brethren have said, "what we can do to counteract this evil movement of disloyalty that is growing in our country." First, every one of us must use his franchise on every occasion. Are there Masons who stay at home on election day, municipal, provincial, or federal? I hope not. Those who are trying to undermine our liberty never fail to vote; and, if they ever win an election, there will be no more free elections in this country. Your newspapers and your magazines have told you how this has happened in several countries. Second, we must do what we can, in conversation with our friends, to remind them occasionally that the danger is very real and very near. Third, when asked to speak to audiences, large or small, we must not hesitate for absolute loyalty and we must not hesitate to state that underground activity of the basest sort is continuous and intensive. Fourth, what about church attendance? If the enemies among us ever gain power, our churches will be closed; then that problem would be solved! Fifth, what about lodge attendance? Think of one or two more of the countries where Freemasonry has been abolished, where lodges have been robbed and where Freemasons, as well as priests and ministers, have been imprisoned.

I come back, brethren, to where I began when I asked you to think of Loyalty. If your loyalties are right, as I know they are, you will stand, individually and collectively, like the Rock of Gibraltar against all attemps to destroy our way of life.

As we speak of loyalty I would suggest that now at this very time, when ties of Empire and Commonwealth need strengthening in the face of the sinister influences at work to weaken them, it would be appropriate to reaffirm our loyalty to the august person of our King—His Majesty King George VI—an eminent member of our Order, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland who, by his personal life and public service, has brought added lustre to Craft Masonry. At the same time I venture to suggest that a message be sent from this meeting to His Majesty informing him of the anxiety and sympathy we Masons felt during his late trying illness, and of our thankfulness that he is sufficiently recovered to resume his onerous duties.

COLORADO. Grand Master. 1949

CLANDESTINE MASONRY

Negro Masonry has been a controversial subject for a number of years and about three years ago the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts after exhaustive research came the conclusion that the Prince Hall group was legitimate so far as their origin was concerned and so stated the fact. Several Grand Lodges took exception and a controversy arose of sufficient proportions that the Grand Lodge of Texas withdrew recognition from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts last year. The Grand Lodge of Florida followed with like action and action by several other Grand Lodges was threatened. At a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts the action was rescinded and peace and harmony prevails again. However, the question is far from settled and a solution must be found in the not too distant future.

In our own Jurisdiction a group of Negroes petitioned for and received articles of incorporations, from the Secretary of the State of Colorado, permitting them to form the Ivanhoe Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. The Grand Master immediately took action, after conference with members of the Grand Lodge, and started a legal suit against both the Secretary of State and the Ivanhoe Grand Lodge. A member of the Craft, Clarence Bartholic was retained by the Grand Lodge and Grand Master to prosecute to have this menace eliminated. The action is now in process and we feel confident of the outcome.

CONNECTICUT. Grand Master. 1949

It is our most sincere hope that each of you will do your very best throughout this Annual Communication to use that cement of Brotherly Love and Affection in large quantities, in order that we may bind more firmly together the Masons in our jurisdiction.

Above all, be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby, many have entertained Angels, unawares. Although some may have come here as relative strangers, let us make sure that we depart as warm and sincere friends. If you happen to be sitting next to a Brother you do not know, turn around, shake his hand

and greet him warmly. Get acquainted and gain a number of new friends. Friendships are among our most valuable assets.

It is a particular pleasure indeed, to have with us so many distinguished guests, representing other Grand Jurisdictions and the many splendid branches of Freemasonry. Their presence at our Annual Communication in such large numbers, amply demonstrates the universality and the complete unity of our beloved Masonry. Well may we say: "How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren of all Degrees, to dwell together in peace, love and unity."

As Master Masons, we have individually committed ourselves to the task of translating into practical, everyday life, the excellent tenets and teachings of our Glorious Institution of Freemasonry — the common Fatherhood of God, and the universal Brotherhood of Man.

Accordingly, the Grand Master has devoted the major portion of his time in a most sincere effort to point out in each and every instance, the significance and importance of the teachings and principles of Freemasonry and the very great need for the advancement and promotion of our spiritual, moral, civic and fraternal philosophies, not only among the members of our beloved Craft but in general, in the hearts and minds of all mankind, wherever dispersed.

In the tenets and principles of Freemasonry there is stored a vast potential power for good, which by far, transcends the power inherent in atomic energy. This illimitable power of Freemasonry could, by a concentrated and united effort on the part of Master Masons, be used most advantageously to bring order and light to a world whose present state of darkness and chaos is comparable only to that which existed at the time when our beloved God first deemed it necessary in His infinite wisdom to say: "LET THERE BE LIGHT."

By the utilization and exertion of its tremendous power and influence for good, Freemasonry can be of immeasurable help in solving the grave problems of our trouble-torn and suffering world. Masonry has no desire or thought of political domination, but we do seek, most earnestly, to awaken and direct the conscience and develop the good character of those having membership in our noble fraternity. If we can accomplish this and transmit that influence and spirit to those with whom we have daily contact, then truth, honor and justice are bound to become the dominating influence for good throughout the world.

After suffering the pangs and agonies of two world wars within a quarter of a century, the human heart understandably craves for peace on earth, and goodwill among men. But, we certainly cannot blame those unfortunate sufferers who now maintain and proclaim that the lights of reason and love have failed.

However, we do know that God is the Fountain of Light, of Love, and the only true source of goodness, and that He shall prevail, if we but live according to His Will and Commandments.

By embracing the three virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, and by promoting the principle of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, each of us, as Master Masons, can make a most valuable contribution in the great and noble work of making this world of ours a fit and abiding place for "That House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

ENGLAND, Grand Master, 1949

VISITS TO LODGES UNDER OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The M.W. The Grand Master (Bro. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.): Brethren, I think it will be of interest to you to hear that the Grand Secretary, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and I have recently been to Scotland to attend the 350th Anniversary Meeting of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, at which meeting I was made an Honorary Member of the Lodge. I know that everyone here will appreciate that it is a very great honor to be made a member of that ancient Lodge, the oldest extant in Masonic history; and we trust that those bonds of friendship which have for so long existed between us and our sister Jurisdiction in Scotland will ever continue.

I think you will also be glad to hear that the President of the Board of General Purposes, V.W. Bro. Sir Ernest Cooper, was recently in America, and attended a meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York, at which he received a particularly warm welcome, and took the opportunity of conveying my, and therefore your, fraternal greetings. International contacts are of very great value to every Freemason and I think you will be interested to hear that the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Secretary, and I are proceeding at the end of this week to Norway to attend the 200th anniversay celebration of the oldest Lodge in Norway, where we look forward to renewing some old friendships and making many new ones. (Loud applause.) I feel that there is the greatest value in these visits to other Jurisdictions, and I hope that we shall be able to make many more of them from time to time.

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes. 1949

INSURANCE OF TYLERS

In September, 1931, the Board drew attention to the liability of a Lodge in the event of an accident to its Tyler either during his actual attendance at the Lodge meetings or whilst journeying to and fro between his residence and the place at which the Lodge is held.

The National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, which came into operation from the 5th July, 1948, repealed the Workmen's Compensation Acts, but this does not relieve the employer from his liability to his employees at Common Law and under certain circumstances a Lodge would be liable at law for accidents happening to its Tyler. Hence the desirability of insuring against a possible claim still exists.

Details of the special rates of contribution applicable to Lodge Tylers under the National Insurance Acts, 1946, may be obtained on application to the Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA. Grand Master. 1949

UNITY, FRIENDSHIP, BROTHERHOOD

During my service it has been a constant daily purpose to bring to my brethren a full appreciation that if Florida Masonry is to remain strong we must have unity, friendship and brotherhood. For it is only in unity that there can be strength. Friendship and brotherhood are the life blood of true fraternalism. With these elements to strengthen our efforts, Masonry will remain strong. Without them, it will weaken and die. They are the bread of life to true Masonic ideals, which can be supplied only by those Masons who are sound in fraternal purpose and true in heart to Masonic ideals and principles.

The Bible admonishes "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." It is, I am sure, the sincere hope of all present that this Grand Lodge Communication will be filled with a spirit of Masonic Brotherhood, friendly good will, unity of purpose and fraternal association. May the Brethren act quickly to suppress any discordant purpose, if we are so unfortunate as to have same, which would disrupt the harmony of this meeting, and thereby demonstrate their loyalty to a time-tested Masonic principle that harmony is the strength of all societies, especially ours. Then, when we have returned to our homes, we can look back on this season of Masonic experience with a deep sense of gratification and pleasant recollections.

And so, my brethren, I close this report using the words of a great American: "With malice toward none, and with charity for all," which is my heartfelt sentiment.

ILLINOIS. Grand Master. 1949

The great need of the world today, in its confused thinking, in its uncertainty, in its groping for light, and in its struggle against influences that would destroy its liberties, is for strong, brave and stalwart men; men who will face the foe and never retreat; men who have respect for the rights and creeds of others; men who know and live the philosophy as embodied in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

If the world's uncertainty and confusion are to be overcome, it can only be accomplished by a return of men and nations to an observance of the precepts that are taught in the Book of the Law; they have proven their worth through all the ages; peoples that have obeyed and followed them have prospered and been abundantly blessed; while those that have forsaken them have perished from the earth; you and I have small reason to think we are a chosen and favored people that will not be subjected to the laws of retribution regardless of our evil ways.

During the past half century greater development has been made in science and invention than in all preceding ages; men have learned to fly with speed greater than sound; machines have been perfected that operate on their own power; distances have been almost eliminated; the atom, long considered the smallest particle of matter, has been broken, producing a force of sufficient power to destroy the earth; human life has been greatly lengthened; many diseases peculiar to humanity have been practically wiped out; people have attained a standard of living that has never been approached in all history; and yet, with all these material blessings, with the many luxuries and comforts that are ours, nations are continually making war against those that are weaker, billions in money are being expended in preparation for a possible conflict in the not too distant future; groups of our citizens are arrayed against other groups, crime in all its degree is sweeping the land; men talk of peace and there is no peace.

Truly there is great confusion and unrest; we are like children lost in the darkness; we cannot see, so we must feel the way with our hands. The need for the spread of the philosophy of Freemasonry and the revival of religious living in our daily lives, is of the utmost importance as we meet today; it is the challenge that faces every citizen of our great America; it is doubly a challenge to all who have assumed the honor and responsibility of Masonic membership.

Isms of every kind surround us; they work continually and with a frenzy that is fanatical; their methods are shrewd and subversive; they are experts in locating fertile material for converts; they are in many of our educational institutions; they are in some of our churches and some are found in strategic positions in our government. They are our first line of offense; they must be completely routed; we have room for only one Ism, and that is good solid Americanism.

If we are to preserve this priceless birthright, if we are to prove ourselves worthy sons of our fathers, if we are to justify the hardships they endured and the sacrifices they made, there must be a return to the leadership of their God, not only on the part of each individual but equally so, on the part of the nations of the world; He is no respecter of persons or nations; His laws are immutable and His judgments are sure; what we sow that shall we reap; the hour may be later than we think.

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1949

As we meet here in peace today, there are clouds of threatening darkness about us on the horizon. Great mistrust and suspicion still exist among the nations that were just yesterday our allies; economic situations give us grave concern; our social and political problems ever increase and baffle us in their solution; and yet, man, the instrumentality of Almighty God must solve these problems. I have a great faith in humanity and in our Fraternity that we as Masons can help in the process. In Indiana there are over 160,000 of us and in these United States over 3,000,000 Masons. Our task is to harness the potential of these Freemasons who, obligated at a common altar, know that Light is not self-generated but is transmitted by us from a source within, and yet beyond us. In this spirit I trust that the delegates will approach all of the problems that shall be presented to us for our deliberation and action, for in our democratic way, this is your privilege.

KANSAS. Grand Master. 1949

Speculative Masonry, as we know it, came into being in the early part of the eighteenth century. The horrors of the Thirty Years of War were still upon men's minds—that war which for sheer brutality and destruction was perhaps equalled but not exceeded by World War II, although geographically it was confined to a comparatively small portion of the earth. Not strange, therefore, were the efforts made to impress upon the votaries of the Order the simple precepts of brotherly love. Masonry impressed its mark upon our own country through efforts of the founding fathers, many of whom were members of the fraternity. The Bill of Rights is nothing but a public pronouncement of the principles of our Institution. Our Kansas Grand Lodge was established when the shadows of war between the States were already hovering over the nation. The enunciations of our aims for freedom and equality before God and man naturally followed. These three epochs, the beginning of Speclative Masonry in England, the founding of the United States and the organization of the Kansas Grand Lodge, appear to me to be the milestones upon which our Fraternity has grown and extended.

COMMITTEE ON RITUALISTIC WORK

Section 5 of Article 6 of the Constitution sets out the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master. During the year, with the help and advice of the Council of Administration and others, I exercised a prerogative under this section by creating another Grand Lodge Committee in addition to our present standing Committee. The Committee to which I refer is the Committee on Ritualistic Work. I have long felt that our Grand Lodge needed such a committee and since the death of Brothers Harvey O. Davis and Stanford M. Smart the necessity of such a committee has been accentuated. With the passing on of these two fine and able brothers we now have no one in our Grand Jurisdiction to whom we can go for a correct interpretation of the Ritual and our adopted work. I do not mean by this that we do not have men who are proficient in Ritualist Work. However, no one can safely say that he is absolutely correct. This thought, together with the fact that there was need for a body which would have absolute authority on interpretation of the Ritual, prompted the decision to create this committee. In addition to duties on the adopted work this committee will be able to render valuable assistance to the Grand Lodge in many other ways. I believe that our District Meetings can be greatly improved; however, I do not think that the Grand Master has time to give proper attention to this matter. I feel that this committee can take care of this work very well. In general I suggest that the duties of the Committee on Ritualistic Work be as follows:

"To promote the uniformity of the Ritualistic Work; to assist the Grand Master in seeing that the adopted work is disseminated by competent lecturers or assistant lecturers; to assist in the selection and arrangement of subjects in which instruction is to be given at the District Meetings; to arrange for the time and place of holding District Meetings; to arrange for the conferral of degrees at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; to supervise the Certificate of Proficiency Program; and to consider and act upon all other matters referring or relating to the Ritualistic Work in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The creation of this committee is not meant to deprive the Grand Master of any of the powers or prerogatives of that office. On the contrary, it is set up with the thought in mind of assisting the Grand Master in the very important work of preserving the uniformity of our adopted system.

KANSAS. Grand Master. 1949

One request came from a lodge where a petitioner had been elected to receive the degrees. Immediately after his election and before any degrees had been conferred he was called into military service and during that time had the misfortune of losing a hand. Under our law, since this man cannot conform to our ceremonies he cannot receive the degrees. It seems cruel and heartless to deny a man, otherwise qualified, the privilege of receiving the degrees because of physical infirmity or disability. This is especially true when the disability is service connected. However, since the restrictions on physical qualifications are greatly relaxed by the use of artificial appliances, and since some definite regulation must be maintained, there is nothing to be done except abide by the rules and regulations set out in our Constitution and By-Laws.

A situation appeared during the year where a citizen living in our Grand Jurisdiction was accepted and received the degrees in a lodge in a neighboring Grand

Jurisdiction. This man's residence was in Kansas while his business was in the state in which he received the degrees. The whole situation came about, no doubt, through the petitioner being misinformed and by the over enthusiasm of his friends. After the man had received his degrees the error was discovered by the lodge receiving him and the situation was referred to the Grand Master of that Jurisdiction. The subsequent ruling was that the man was without membership and was placed in the class of the profane. Such being the case it would be necessary for this man to petition one of our Kansas lodges, and, if elected, receive the degrees in the regular manner. This procedure, if followed out, appears to be nothing less than a travesty. I feel that an individual should not be disciplined for the errors and actions of a lodge. With the thought in mind that an injustice had been done to this man, I ruled that he could petition a Kansas lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides. If elected, then upon proper certification from the lodge in the jurisdiction in which he had previously received the Masonic degrees, he should be admitted to membership in the Kansas lodge.

MAINE. Grand Master. 1949

I have been somewhat disturbed by the number of suggestions made during the year for raising funds by methods which. according to my understanding of the previous decisions of this Grand Lodge, are unmasonic. We must give careful consideration to all such proposals lest our enthusiasm and zeal lead us to depart from the established customs and usages of the Order.

I have wondered whether these proposals have, in some instances, been a product of the changing times. There is at large in the unmasonic world a growing disregard for the so-called "Old Order of Things."

We are living in a time of change and stress; when groups, factions, minorities, blocs and nations strive to gain advantage to themselves by a constant flow of propaganda, charge and counter charge, against their opponents. These conditions have resulted in world wide confusion, nervous tension and distrust.

In these surroundings Masonry has thus far stood unfalteringly by the traditions upon which it was founded. These traditions distinguish us from the uninitiated. We must not deviate in the least from our old customs, usages and teachings. To do so is to invite into our Order the same state of confusion and uncertainty which exists around us.

If Masonry is to retain its present honored position in the world we must stand united against aggression in every form, and against any movement which ignores or deprecates the dignity of Man. This is not all. We must constantly strive for the betterment of mankind through knowledge and understanding. We must constantly practice the great teachings of Masonry to the end that an honorable and lasting peace may be achieved among all the peoples of the earth.

Now, my brethren, the business of this Communication is in your hands. We have much to do. May it be done in the spirit of fraternal brotherhood, and may the Great Architect of the Universe direct all of our actions.

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1948

LETTER CIRCULATED BY CREDIT MEN'S ASSOCIATON

When my attention was called to a letter written and circulated by a "credit men's association" soliciting the business of reporting on petitioners, I prepared and caused the following notice to be published in the Masonic Home Journal:

WARNING

My attention has been called to a letter written and circulated by a "credit men's association" soliciting the business of reporting on petitioners of our lodges. For such service, the fee is $1.50.

Since the statement is made in the above letter that the lodges of a city in Ohio have been using this service for twenty years, it is felt advisable to warn the lodges of Kentucky that to avail themselves of the services of a non-Masonic organization would be in violation of their constitutional and legal duties of investigating applicants. As we all know, this is the function of the Investigating Committee of a lodge and not some outside organization.

MASSACHUSETTS. Grand Master. 1948

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES

The strength of Freemasonry depends on its individual members. I am calling to the attention of our Masters that the investigating has probably the most important duty and the greatest opportunity to determine the future course of Masonry by using due care in making careful investigations as the names of applicants are presented to the Lodges.

MISSISSIPPI. Grand Master. 1949

The very ideals and principles for which this venerable Fraternity has always stood are being challenged by enemies seeking the destruction of organized religion, democracy, representative government, and the very way of life for which Freemasonry has always stood. Freemasonry has played a great part in the development of the ideals under which our way of life has grown and prospered. Long before the Bill of Rights was produced Freemasons professed and practiced the belief that every man has the inalienable right to worship God in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience. From time immemorial that has been one of the fundamental teachings of Masonry.

In the same measure and to the same degree Freemasonry has professed and taught the idea of the brotherhood of man. When a man enters a tiled lodge he leaves behind him all considerations of wealth, rank, or station. Every man—whether high, low, rich, or poor—meets his brethren on the level as equals.

The colonists who came to the shores of America brought with them, in large measure, the same ideals that men had long loved and practiced in the Masonic fraternity. It is easily understood, then, that these ideals were later introduced as the very foundation stones of our government. The leadership in the early years of our nation's history was furnished largely by the Freemasons of that day. It is unnecessary here to recapitulate the names or numbers of Freemasons who played an outstanding part in the putting together of the framework of this great nation of ours. The facts of history speak for themselves.

But when these outstanding members of the Masonic fraternity had helped so materially in the establishment of a nation they left behind them the equally important task of preserving those ideals and institutions that have made our country great and our people so happy and prosperous.

There have always existed—and there exist today—ideologies utterly foreign to the American and to the Masonic conception of things.

Freemasonry has always maintained that the greatest work of God's creation is the individual, the human personality. We have always believed that man, in order better to serve his own ends and better build for his own happiness, has established state governments as one agent for the maintenance of human relationships.

Ideologies utterly foreign to these would destroy those great principles that we so ardently profess to maintain. It is incumbent upon us to work consistently and intelligently, and with the help of God, to maintain Masonic ideals. Masonry and individual freedom are inseparable. May we dedicate ourselves anew to the proposition of maintaining and promulgating Masonic ideals. We can meet and destroy those ideologies that are antagonistic only by promulgating, by every means within our power, a better and a more worthy ideology. We have every reason to believe that our way is the better way, that it represents God's will for man on earth.

May we be true and faithful to our commitments and obligations as free men and as Freemasons.

Someone has said that Masonry has lived through the centuries because it is founded upon the moral law—those eternal principles of right and wrong that forever endure. Freemasonry lives in the present because it teaches beautiful lessons on human life that would set free the hearts and consciences of man.

Freemasonry came into existence because men needed the teachings that it inculcates; it has flourished because true friendship is its object and true manhood is its goal. The duty of Freemasons is to practice mutual assistance and to exercise brotherly love as its dominant passion. Our cardinal principles are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. Founded upon such principles, it has been builded for the ages. Its great destiny in future rests in the hands of those who enter its sacred precincts and around its holy altars declare themselves dedicated to the exemplification in their lives of its noble tenets.

May the membership of the Craft perform such work as will readily pass inspection, and thus present to the Great Architect of the Universe perfect ashlars, polished and fitted for their appropriate places in the Eternal Temple.

Thus, I return the commission with which you entrusted me one year ago. The gavel will soon pass into the hands of one able to give the Craft a year of able leadership and wise direction. I bespeak for him the same full measure of co-operation at your hands that has supported me.

I carry many happy memories and warm friendships with me that will be a priceless treasure to me in future. It is the men we meet, the friends we make, and the brethren we learn to know and love, that makes the Masonic road a thoroughfare most pleasant to travel.

MISSOURI. Grand Master. 1949

INSTALLATION

The installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Missouri on September 29, 1949, was unique in the history of Freemasonry, for never before had a President of the United States flown a thousand miles to install the Brother whom he had appointed in line (Brother Bradford was appointed Grand Pursuivant by M.W. Brother Truman in 1940).

At 11:00 a.m., President Harry S. Truman, Past Grand Master of Missouri, was escorted into the hall and introduced by Rt. Wor. Brother E. E. Morris, Grand Treasurer. He was received by Grand Master Sunderland at the altar and escorted to the East admidst the hearty applause of 1,500 Masons. After the gavel of authority had been turned over to him, President Truman expressed his pleasure at being present and thanked the brethren for their hearty reception and then, in order that members of his party who were not Masons might be permitted to see the beautiful ceremony of installation, he declared the installation open, and, with M. Wor. Brother Ray V. Denslow acting as Grand Marshal, and Rt. Wor. Bro. E. L. Robison, Grand Chaplain, installed the officers:

I realize that to be a popular Grand Master and a "good fellow well met," to a majority of the brethren, I should say things to you this morning that would be pleasing to your ear. However, I cannot sincerely say to you that Freemasonry is in a good condition in this Grand Jurisdiction when I find that there are some Lodges whose membership is composed of many Brethren who belong to a Labor Union who consistently use the Black Ball as a retaliation for some Union grievance. I cannot say to you that Freemasonry is in a good condition when I find "cliques" in many of the Lodges which are composed of groups of organizations who claim to have had "higher degrees" and endeavor to control appointments and elections in their Lodge. I cannot say to you that Freemasonry is in a healthful condition when I find that many Lodges have not been visited by a District Deputy Grand Master for more than three years. I cannot say to you that Freemasonry is in a good condition when I find that many Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft brethren are induced (and I use the word "induced" for want of a better word) to sign petitions for other groups or organizations whose membership is based on a prerequisite as a member in good standing of a Lodge of Master Masons and that many of the aforementioned brethren fail to return to their Lodges for the proficiency examinations as a Master Mason.

Brethren, I could go on at some length reciting some of the unpleasant things that I have found during my administration. They are not only unpleasant for you that they were very unpleasant for me to discover. Maybe I should have turned a deaf ear on many of the unpleasant things I have heard and should have turned my head and not look upon some of the unpleasant correspondence I have received. In regard to the condition of Freemasonry I will make this definite statement: The state and condition of Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction can and should be improved. The shadow demonstrates that a light is shining somewhere. The more light, the less shadow. Let us all attain more light in our Freemasonry and continue with the use of the Square, the Level and the Plumb in Practical Speculative Masonry.

You will recall that in the second section of the Degree of Fellow-Craft, a very brief definition of Speculative Masonry is given to the candidate. He is told that by Speculative Masonry, we learn to subdue the passions, act upon the Square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy and practice charity. Let us define Speculative Masonry and explain it in a more practical way.

LEARN TO SUBDUE THE PASSIONS

The wild beast of the field knows nothing in regard to subduing his passions. If he thirsts, he goes to the creek or spring and drinks his fill. If he is hungry, he catches and devours other beasts or fowl or domestic animals. The first come, the first served regardless of whether the meal comes from deep in the forest or in the farmer's barnyard or chicken house. The prehistoric man or man of the stone age knew nothing of subduing his passions. The world was his and all he surveyed, so long as he was in possession of a good heavy club. If he wanted a new mate he dragged one to his cave by the hair of her head. Men of today, through knowledge and understanding of our Great Light and of our Civil Laws have learned to subdue their passions and that he that eats must work.

ACT UPON THE SQUARE

To act upon the Square is a phrase that is used the world over regardless of whether the person is a Freemason or not. The stones of human life must be shaped, squared and built together according to the plan of the Divine Temple, if the structure is to be established in strength to stand firm forever. Have any of you brethren ever contemplated how the first square was formed? The Square is dedicated to the Master. The Master is he who best serves the Craft. How many Masters are capable of proving their square? Brother A. S. McBride tells us that in the ancient craft guilds, it was the natural duty of the master to prove the square of the craftsman and it was important that, in so doing, he should not err. If the square was wrong, the work could not be right, and an error might cause ruin to the building and loss of life to the workmen. If that implement with which we govern our actions is not a true angle of ninety degrees or the fourth part of a circle, we are wrong; our Temporal Building is not being constructed properly and the resulting error will cause ruin and unhappiness to our friends and brethren. Masonry tells us to "use your Conscience constantly in the work of Life as the craftsman uses his square." Brother MacBride points out that one method to prove a square is to start with a point within a circle. You will recall the lesson taught us as Entered Apprentices—the point represents an individual Brother; the circle, the boundary line of his duties, etc. This point could also represent the inmost recesses of the heart of the individual Brother; the Conscience. Again, this starting point, the point within the circle, could represent the center of the earth the point of gravity; that power which makes the plumb bob hang directly beneath a fixed point to which is attached a plumb line, the line which the Lord showed to Amos, the line which teaches us the criterion of moral rectitude. By drawing a straight line through the circle, thereby touching the point, and by drawing another straight line, either above or below the point and at any angle from the starting point of the first line and then drawing another straight line from the terminus of the first line to the terminus of the second line, you have (thereby) drawn a perfect square. And by this simple, yet perfect tool of Architecture, we as Freemasons are enabled to fulfill the second of the great duties we are charged to inculcate, that duty to our neighbors, in acting upon the square and doing unto him as you wish that he should do unto you.

KEEP A TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT

We are taught that a Speculative Mason should keep a tongue of good report; not become involved in matters whereby our brethren or the profane might be tempted to criticize not only our words and actions, but we should constantly remember the lesson of the All Seeing Eye; that faculty which prevades the inmost recesses of our hearts. It might also be said that in keeping a tongue of good report, we would do well in keeping our tongue for a good report of a Brother. There have been many times in my experience as a Master Mason that I have heard brethren literally stabbed by a sharp tongue or poisoned by the use of caustic words. It has been my hope for years that our Ritual Committee might, some day, adopt the rule that the Five Points of Fellowship be incorporated in the Master Mason's proficiency examination. Of our 112,000 membership in the State of Missouri, a very small percentage have ever memorized these lessons and I regret to say that many do not practice them, particularly that wonderful lesson inculcated in the fifth point of fellowship. I have been amazed and shocked many times during my administration to hear brethren of high regard in our Fraternity speak unkindly and slanderous of their brethren. Is it possible that these brethren have been so busy rattling their swords or combing their wigs and whiskers that they have forgotten those Truths that were taught them when they met upon the Level?

MAINTAIN SECRECY

It is a known fact throughout the civilized world that we, as Freemasons, use tools and implements of Architecture and symbolic emblems, most expressive to imprint upon the minds of our Candidates, wise and serious Truths; yet Freemasonry is classified as a secret society. We have grips, tokens, signs and phrases of recognition which cannot be divulged. It is my earnest opinion, and I also bespeak the opinion of my predecessors, that all transactions within a tiled lodge should always be kept from the knowledge of the rest of the world. It is well known to all within the sound of my voice that it is the secretary's duty to observe the proceedings of the Lodge; record all things proper to be written; receive all moneys due the Lodge, and pay them over to the treasurer. Now in these modern times, I find many of the secretaries of our lodges using the typewriter to make their minutes more compact and I presume that they think that typewritten minutes are more legible and a neater record. To me, the typed minutes have taken away much of the personality of the secretary. However, this is not my main objection to typed minutes. I have found that in several cases that the wife of the secretary or a lady assistant to the secretary, types the minutes and that the wife or lady assistant (being a member of an organization that sometimes claims to be an affiliate of Freemasonry) has talked to her sisters and the result is—the local newspaper could not have done a better job if the minutes had been published. It is quite evident in many cases that the admonition given to the Craft at the Annual Installation of Officers when the sword is placed in the hands of the Tiler: viz.: to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips and post a sentinel over our actions . . . has fallen upon ears of stone.

AND PRACTICE CHARITY

The word Charity is used most frequently in the ritual of Ancient Craft Masonry and the lesson taught to the Entered Apprentice and the manner in which it is taught should linger in our memories for the remainder of our lives. However, to many, it is my belief that the word Charity often is misconstrued. I have been informed that in some of the early translations of the King James version of the Bible, the word was Love and it is my belief that the words Charity and Love are synonymous, for who can practice Charity without Love. Each October, virtually all cities and communities throughout this land, promote a Charity Drive (sometimes called Community Chest). Millions of checks are written and given to hundreds of thousands of solicitors, to assist the blind, the halt, the lame and the poverty stricken human beings, but in many cases there is little Love in the heart of the person signing the check. For an example, the President of a large corporation presents a check to a solicitor for a large "donation" but he is always careful to note on the check stub that the contribution is for Charity. He must be sure that the Accounting Department of the firm will make the proper deduction in the income tax returns. And, no doubt, this same Corporation President is highly pleased to see his firm listed in the local newspaper as a contributor (the amount listed) to Charity. Is that the kind of Charity we, as Freemasons, teach in our Lodge? A lodge receives an application from an unfortunate Brother, his widow for admittance to our Masonic Home in St. Louis. A resolution is passed by the Lodge and in due time, the applicant is admitted. In many instances, I find that the Lodge sponsoring the guest at our Masonic home has broken all personal contacts with them. They are virtually forgotten until the Lodge receives a notice that the guest has passed away and then they suddenly realize that they have signed an agreement to take care of the burial expenses. Is that the kind of Charity we teach in our Masonic Lodge?

MONTANA. Grand Master. 1949

July 23, 1949, I attended the Open Air Meeting at Treasure Island in the Missouri River, below Fort Peck Dam. This meeting was held under Special Dispensation given to North Star Lodge No. 46, of Glasgow, with the members of the 3-5-7 Masonic Club, at Fort Peck, making arrangements for the meeting place. They conferred the Master Mason degree in a very creditable manner. This was an interesting meeting with 200 Master Masons present, representing 26 lodges from nine Grand Jurisdictions. Percy W. Doles, Senior Grand Warden and Myron E. Bean, Grand Sword Bearer, were received and gave short talks.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Grand Master. 1949

One of the most disturbing matters in the world today is the spread of Communism. At the Grand Masters' Conference, in Washington, a year ago, a resolution was adopted by the Conference, and I recommend that this same resolution be adopted at this session of our Grand Lodge, as follows: "Masonry abhors Communism as being repugnant to its conception of the dignity of the individual personality, destructive of the basic human rights which are the Divine heritage of all men, and inimical to the fundamental Masonic tenets of faith in God."

The aim and purpose of Freemasonry is to receive none but good men, keep good and teach them to be better. Since its beginning long ages ago Freemasonry has been an important element in the lives of the peoples of the world. The principles of Masonry, understood and practiced, prepared men to take an active part in the life around them and served as a support in all their efforts directed toward the betterment of society's organization.

Freemasonry has always pursued its peaceful way alone, seeking no public acclaim and asking no help from outside its own circle. It has permitted the world to think what it may about its object and its work, having only one job to perform and one reason for existence, taking the material that has come to it and making good men and better men out of that material. Everything else is incidental to that one purpose.

The teachings of the Craft necessarily effect the private and the community lives of the members which should always be guided by the basic principles of honor, justice and tolerance. In view of these Masonic obligations there is no subject of greater importance than that of Masonic education. This great science of human relations has been so neglected that the world we live in has degenerated into a state of barbarism practically unequalled in history. The world was never in a more disorganized condition than it is at the present time, nor more in need of Masonry to do some serious thinking about the most important work we have to do—Masonic Education. Such an education might tend toward convincing a great many people that they should endeavor to make something OF themselves rather than something FOR themselves.

We have many brethren in our constituent Lodges today who have never considered attending a meeting of the Lodge since being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. What are we doing about it? Do you not suppose that these brethren would take sufficient interest to attend their Lodge meetings if they knew the meaning and philosophy of Masonry. With proper Masonic education every Brother, when he is said to be a Mason, should feel within himself that he is receiving one of the highest compliments that can be paid to him. I believe it to be our great duty as a Grand Lodge to use our special efforts toward this end. We have a Ritual which we are proud of, and we require our candidates to learn certain lessons, but what are we doing with those same candidates after we have conferred the Master Mason degree? A notorious rabble rouser once complained to Benjamin Franklin that the Constitution of the United States was a mockery. "Where is all the happiness that it is supposed to guarantee for us?" he demanded. "All the Constitution guarantees, my friend, is the pursuit of happiness," he replied. "You have to catch up with it yourself."

Without any doubt there are many, who have been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, who have failed to grasp the meaning of Freemasonry with the limited instruction usually given to candidates, and it is apparent that only by a well defined course in Masonic Education can we help them to help themselves.

NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, of the United Grand Lodge of England. District Grand Master. 1949

It is indeed very pleasing to read in the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Canada and of the United States, of the high ideals of the eminent members of the Craft—and also to observe the labors of the United Grand Lodge of England in their great charitable Institutions for youth and the aged. The United Grand Lodge of England has more lodges and more members than ever before. Lights are again being lit on the altars of Norway, Finland, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Greece and even in Austria, and in parts of Germany and Czechoslovakia. Masonry has stood the test of time, and will stand for ever as long as its foundations continue to be well and truly laid according to instructions laid down for our guidance in the V.S.L. It is to us as builders of temples in the hearts of men whose responsibility it is to instil in the minds of youth that man is made in the image of God, that he has God's laws given to him and that he is here on earth for a definite distinctive purposes. We must remember we are all of the same clay and each has the same rights, and we must defend that liberty, which is threatened by the red flag of communism. As Masons we must unite in maintaining the Ancient Landmarks, Principles and Tenets—for without them Masonry cannot survive. As Masons we have a great responsibility to unite together in order to maintain those principles and tenets which have survived through revolution, wars and pestilence. Let us all labor together, brethren, in wisdom and strength to hold the torch high and hand it down from generation to generation.

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master. 1949

My brethren: The ties which unite Masonic Brotherhood as one family are Friendship, Love and Charity. Friendship to each other, love to all mankind, and charity toward the poor, the suffering and afflicted. And when these are practiced by Masons as they should be, who will say that they do not constitute ties that can never be broken and which will last until time shall be no more.

Let us, then, in order to cherish and promote the beauties and harmony of Friendship, Love and Charity, endeavor to lead a pure and unblemished life. Let us consider that not the reputation of only one, but that of the whole Fraternity is affected by a brother's misbehavior. Invested as we are with that distinguished badge which has been worn by a Washington, a Warren, a Franklin, a Lafayette, and thousands of the most worthy men upon earth, we should scorn to act beneath the dignity of our profession and contrary to the true character of a Free and Accepted Mason.

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master. 1949

When I relinquish the gavel at the end of this Seventy-second Communication, it will be with regret for the many things I have left undone, but with a deep and sincere sense of appreciation of the many kindnesses and courtesies I have received at your hands. This year's work with you has convinced me more strongly that ever of the value of Masonry to the community and to the nation. Our American way of life is our most precious heritage, and to maintain that way of life and to pass it on, unimpaired to those who will follow us, is the genius of Masonry. To Masonry, the rights of the individual are supreme. We strive throughout our degrees to inculcate those ideals which are the very foundation of orderly progress in our civilization. These ideals have been accepted as a part of the basic law of all democratic nations, those nations which exist for the average man, and not the man for the nation. Obligating ourselves as we all have done, to the acceptance of those ideals, can we do less than endeavor to make them the ideals of our State and Nation? Can we afford not to carry Masonry out of the Lodge room not to make it a vital part of our daily lives? The Masonic Lodge should be a postive influence for good in every community. Almost without exception, Masons are active in all civic organizations. We are proud of this fact. Let us be more than proud. Let us endeavor to instil into those organizations the ideals we recognize as paramounts in Masonry. Brothers, let's make Masonry work. There is no doubt in your mind, that, believing in the Great Architect of the Universe, you believe in the Brotherhood of Man. We cannot, in one lifetime, bring to full fruition the hope of that Brotherhood, but the longest journey begins with one step, and we can take that step. The square, the level and the plumb—let's remember their uses and do our part, small though it may be. May the influence of Masonry in the coming years be a more potent factor for good in our civic life, may it light the way to a clearer conception of our duties to ourselves, our country and our God.

NEW SOUTH WALES. Installing Grand Master. 1948

This Masonry that we practise—it is nothing very mysterious; it is nothing terribly secret, but it is vital. May I direct your attention for just half a minute to what the Grand Lodge of England published on this matter, because the Grand Lodge of England in 1938, saw fit to make a public announcement of what Masonry is. It is a good thing, sometimes, brethren, to go back to fundamentals; to go back to first principles to see where we have started from, and from that perhaps see where we are going. The announcement by the Grand Lodge of England could be printed in any newspapeer. It was purposely printed so that it could be made public. These facts are very well known to you; I simply remind you of them once again. The first condition for membership in Freemasonry is belief in God. The second is the presence in our Lodges of the open volume of the Sacred Law—the Bible in our case. The third is that anyone who enters Freemasonry is strictly forbidden to countenance any acts which subvert the peace and good order of Society. Loyal and obedient citizens. The fourth is that neither in any Lodge, not at any time in his capacity as a Freemason, is he permitted to discuss or to advance his views on theological or political questions.

Our Lodges are places of meeting of loyal men; men who are moved by a sense of brotherhood; men who are determined to see that their country goes onwards and upwards, and men who are able to meet in their Lodges and put aside their every-day and ordinary differences of opinion.

Today we live in difficult and dangerous times and it is a great comfort to know that we can lay our hands on one hundred thousand good men and true in this State; probably three hundred thousand in the Commonwealth. It is a very sobering thought, and our immediate Past Grand Master, His Excellency the Earl of Gowrie, has said to you again and again that he regarded Masonry as one of the strongst and most powerful bonds of the British people.

It is under these circumstances, that we hand this Grand Lodge over to you. You take over a body of men who are moved by the highest ideals of service and devotion to a cause, and we wish you, Sir, in taking over this Grand Lodge, to feel that you have taken hold of something that is living and vital. It is so living and vital that it makes terrific demands on those who serve it.

NEW SOUTH WALES. Grand Master. 1949

It has come to my knowledge that in some Lodges, after the work of the evening has been completed at Rehearsal meetings, the officers of the Lodge have been observed to smoke in the Lodge room. As Lodge rooms have been dedicated for the sole purposes of Freemasonry, the sanctity of such must be maintained at all times.

I also desire to inform the brethren that an organization known as the Chinese Masonic Lodge has again set up in this city. This organization has no connection with Free and Accepted Masonry, and it would be most irregular for any membr of this Constitution to attend a meeting of such organization.

NEW SOUTH WALES. Board of General Purposes. 1949

Suspension—It has been reported to the Board that the Wor. Master of a suburban Lodge had contravened the edict of Grand Lodge by attending meetings of the Order of the Eastern Star, such Wor. Brother was cited to appear before the Board, and admitted his connection with the Order referred to. It was resolved to suspend him from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry during the pleasure of the Board.

NEW SOUTH WALES. Report of the Grand Inspector of Workings. 1949

I quote from a report by V. Wor. Bro. F. Farrar, D.G.I.W., "P" District, regarding regular meeting Lodge Tolerance, No. 718, on 4th May: "This was a very memorable meeting in that four candidates were Lewises, one the son of V. Wor. Bro. R. Hedge (Secretary), and the W.M. surrendered his chair to V. Wor. Hedge, who in turn surrendered it to Wor. Bro. Unsworth, his father-in-law and grandfather of his son, the candidate. The fathers of the other three candidates delivered the respective charges. The work was faultless, and the whole ceremony was most impressive."

NEW SOUTH WALES. Board of General Purposes. 1948

Clandestine Body—A letter was received from the United Grand Lodge of England regarding a clandestine body operating in the Far East, entitling itself, "Lodge Humanitas of the Far East," and its probable entrance to Australia. The United Grand Lodge of England has directed all Lodges in the Far East to have no relations with it. The Board resolved to take similar action and all Lodges of this Constitution have been advised accordingly.

NEW YORK. Grand Master. 1949

We look out on a world today so marvelous as to be a fairyland of make-believe. We can sit in the privacy of our own homes or place of business and see and speak to people miles distant. We can circle the globe in an airplane, non-stop, in 94 hours. We can propel a double rocket 250 miles (outside the earth's atmosphere) at the fantastic speed of 5,000 miles per hour. We can blow whole cities to bits in the twinkling of an eye. Yes, in this year of our Lord, 1949, MAN, made in the image of God, can do EVERYTHING—except live at peace with his fellow-man.

It is because of the frightening prospects of this appraisal that you and I push Freemasonry as actively as we do, for we see in it one of the bright hopes of the future. I verily believe that the time will surely come when Freemasonry, bridging national boundaries, will usher in a bright, new day when brother will refuse to take up arms against brother. As the world marches slowly but surely toward that millenium, Masonry proudly leads the column of progress.

Our great Fraternity is only as strong as the sum total of its constituent jurisdictions and so as we render you the annual report of the accomplishments of our Grand Jurisdiction of New York, we point to an active and an encouraging year.

NEVADA. Grand Master. 1949

The hour is at hand for me to account for my stewardship as your Grand Master for the past year and prepare to again take my place among the Craftsmen to serve under the capable hands of my successor in office.

Time moves swiftly when one is laden with tasks to perform which, at times, seem to require more than the twenty-four hours alloted to us by nature in each day. In performing these tasks we sometimes lose sight of the necessity of planning for the future, living in our world of today rather than making concerted movements to safeguard not only our future but the future of those who will follow us in time to come.

Living as we do in a land of plenty, enjoying luxuries unknown to many other people of the world, having liberties guaranteed us under a benevolent, democratic form of government that is the envy of the world at large, we are prone to blithely go our respective ways without a single fear our Utopia could easily become a barren waste and we, the people, become as insignificant as the insects who might grovel thereon for a pitiful existence. Such might well be a fair comparison of our present existence to what it would undoubtedly be under a Communistic form of government which is sweeping over the face of Europe and Asia today by force and endeavoring, by every resource at its command, to insinuate itself into our American way of life. It is the duty of every Mason, nay, my brethren, it is the duty of every freedom-loving man and woman in this country to combat in every way possible this atheistic form of government devouring free people after free people and now is knocking from without and within the doors of our beloved land while we idly argue over a word or two of our ritual. The time is at hand to gird ourselves as the warriors of old to fight a battle of self-preservation. Let us carry the fight for the preservation of this democracy from within our sacred walls to our homes, our clubs, our churches, our service organizations, our unions, everywhere, by words of counsel to those who doubt and praise for those who believe as we do—in one Union, undivided, with liberty and justice for all. Failing in this, let us be prepared for the alternative—to sacrifice our fortunes and our very lives, if necessary, in our country's defense to preserve this Union in its present form for our posterity.

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1949

EDUCATION

Masonry has always taken a very definite stand on problems having to do with the education of our youth. One of the main topics at our District meetings last fall concerned the North Dakota Reorganization Plan. I used this to illustrate the importance of Masons making themselves AVAILABLE, PREPARED AND AGGRESSIVE in developing community leadership. It was gratifying to learn that many of our membership were serving on county committees and giving much of their time to this very important programme. There are some forces at work in our State who are opposed to our Free Public School system and no doubt are doing all in their power to hinder the progress of the School Reorganized Programme. I am not saying that the plan is perfect but the principle is good and the success of the plan will depend on the best thinking of the citizens in every community. Masons should be AVAILABLE, BE PREPARED AND BE AGGRESSIVE in seeing that the best possible reorganization plan is worked out for the benefit of our youngsters in all communities of this progressive state.

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master. 1949

PREPARATION FOR THE DEGREES

The candidate for Masonic degrees usually enters the lodge room wholly unprepard, for the purpose of receiving a degree. He has no previous knowledge of what to expect. Some of the more light-thinking brethren who enjoy a joke many times prepare the candidate with much "mis-information" so that he approaches the degree with fear and trembling. He does not receive the full benefit of the great lessons contained in the symbolism and the lectures of the degrees.

We can say without fear of contradiction that the vast majority of the candidates who come to the lodge for initiation have little or no knowledge of the manner in which they should approach the degree, nor are they informed of the solemnity and real spiritual uplift that is contained therein.

We have long needed a general plan of preparation of the candidate for reception into a lodge of Entered Apprentices. After initiation, he then should be taught not only the lectures of the degree but he should learn how he can practically apply them in his every-day life. He should be informed of what Masonry stands for and its relationship to human society. He should then be prepared to receive the great lessons of the Fellowcraft degree by divesting him of all prejudices and informing him briefly of its history, and calling his attention to the real human values that he will receive by a careful study and application of the lessons of the Fellowcraft.

Then as he approaches his proficiency that will enable him to become a sublime Master Mason, his instruction should be such that the lessons of the Master Mason degree will so indelibly imprint themselves upon the tablets of his memory that he can never forget the story of the extremes of honor and degradation in human relationship as portrayd in the great drama of The Builders of King Solomon's Temple.

There is no better way to make lifelong devoted Masons than to impress them with the great teachings and philosophy contained in Ancient Craft Masonry while they learn their degrees. The system of reasoning and the approach to human relationships as exemplified in these degrees are lessons that should be so thoroughly impressed in the minds and hearts of those receiving them that they will become a part of the living structure of their lives.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1949

FREEMASONRY ON THE MARCH

Again we can report that Freemasonry throughout the World continues on its forward march, not militant but wholly a peace movement, and here in our own Grand Jurisdiction our progress has been such as to merit recognition and approval of the fine work which has been done, with due credit being given to all those who have labored so diligently and so well in achieving this outstanding record of success.

Naturally, increase in membership in the Lodges of this Grand Lodge is the first measurement of success. At the end of 1948, we had 564 Subordinate Lodges with a membership of 217,581, while at this present time there are 573 Lodges with an approximate membership of 222,000. This total is exceeded only by the Grand Lodges of New York, Ohio and Illinois.

Again we must be mindful of the fact that increasing numbers is not our only goal, but rather increasing care in the sponsoring of petitioners by the recommenders, careful investigation by the Committee of Inquiry, which should be followed by a well developed programme of instruction so that the candidate is fully informed in all details of the work which has been done.

With this increase in membership, we should have an increase in the attendance at the Subordinate Lodges. In the urban Lodges the numbers attending regularly might lead one to think that the Fraternity was not fulfilling its obligations in creating continued interest among its membership. In the smaller towns and country

Lodges, the attendance is more encouraging. Efforts should be continued to bring about increased attendance at Lodge meetings.

There should still be in our minds that lack of interest of members in the larger Lodges which still persists, and some plan of limiting the number of petitions acted upon each year should be worked out equitably in proportion to the total membership of each Lodge. This proposal should continue to have the consideration of the Grand Lodge Officers.

MASON AT SIGHT

On March 2, 1949, at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, Robert L. Johnson was made a Mason at Sight.

On March 12, 1949, I attend an Extra Meeting of Franklin Lodge No. 221,, Pittsburg, and caused Pressly H. McCance to be made a Mason at Sight.

Inasmuch as we are governed by the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of the Fraternity, my anticipated programme will contain no drastic change. I do desire however, to call your attention to some matters which affect the Craft and my opinion in regard to them.

We need not be reminded that we are in the midst of a stupendous and bewildering revolution, a revolution affecting our social, spiritual, political and economic lives, a revolution world wide in scope. We who are justifiably proud of the place and power of Masonry in the building of the foundation upon which our nation rests, proud of the parts played by Washington, Franklin, Madison and other members of our Fraterniay in writing its spirit into our history, may find that Masonry has a place in present day life, as important a place as it had in the early days of our nation.

If we are to meet this challenge, if we would give Masonry a place in our current economy comparable to that which it occupied in the last half of the eighteenth century, we must make our members conscious of the principles for which our Fraternity stands, and teach and encourage the practice of such fundamental virtues as truth, honesty, industry and fair dealing and have as our goal, not more members but better Masons.

If we would accomplish this purpose, we must be interestd in quality rather than in number of members. We should not try to obtain as many petitions as possible, but aim to bring into our Fraternity men of high character, vision and charity, men who are interested in what they can put into Masonry rather than what they can get out of it.

When a man knocks at our doors for admittance an earnest effort should be made to ascertain whether he desires to join merely to enjoy our social features or whether he wishes to participate with those who are interested in the development of a philosophy of life based on a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, the immortality of the soul and the practice of the social virtues. We do not need him if his only interest is a participation in the social activities of our bodies. We should welcome him, however, if there is a possibility of his becoming a true Mason ever striving for more light, always willing to go out of his way to serve his fellow man, and conducting himself in his daily life in a manner which will be a credit to our Fraternity.

Each one of us when asked to become a recommender, as well as when serving on a Committee of Inquiry, should determine the motive back of the petitioner's desire to become a Mason, as well as his character, standing in the community and his ability to meet his obligations. While we should not close the door upon any worthy applicant, the day in which we are living demands that we carefully investigate everyone who knocks If we exercise the proper care when serving in these capacities, our membership may not increase as fast in the future as it has in the past, but we will make our Fraternity stronger.

If we would make Masonry the potent force it should be, we must provide ways and means whereby our members, as well as our petitioners, are taught the essentials of Masonic history and philosophy, the truths and principles which its symbolism teaches and their application to character building and the development of manhood.

As a result of the efforts of our Instructor of Work and the Officers and members of the excellent Schools of Instruction which are spread over the entire Jurisdiction, our ritualistic work in most Lodges is not only conferred accurately, but in a proper and dignified manner.

The ability to recite the Ritual with accuracy is most desirable, but it should be accompanied by an interpretation of the symbolism of Masonry and the practical application of its truths and principles. Knowledge is power, and knowledge of what Masonry is and what a true Mason should be is essential, if Masonry is to continue to be a living force.

In the revolution in which the world is engulfed today, there are powerful forces which deny the existence of a Supreme Being; which seek to destroy religion; which teach that the end justifies the means and which use lies, slander, theft and murder to attain their ends, an ideology contrary in every respect to that of Masonry, a system of government which would not allow our Fraternity to exist.

Masons and Masonry may be the salt which leavens the loaf, but we can only meet this challenge if our membership is composed of Masons, in fact as well as in name. To that end it is our purpose to develop a system of Masonic education which will give to the Fraternity an opportunity for its fullest growth in strength, in influence and in helpfulness to its members and enable it to take its place in our present economy by assisting in the maintenance of those liberties and privileges which have made this nation great.

My brethren, let us on this St. John's Day, renew our vows to the Fraternity and pledge ourselves to extend its usefulness and teach our members and initiates what Masonry is and that for which it stands. We can, through an educated and inspired membership, rebuild in the lives of men that religion and character which alone can save the world.

RHODE ISLAND. Grand Master. 1949

In the year 1631, Roger Williams, a young clergyman, arrived in Boston on a small ship from England, having fled the persecution because of his religious beliefs. Here in this new land he sought freedom to worship God in the way he pleased. In 1636, Roger Williams crossed the Seekonk River and was confronted by a group of Indian warriors. Little hospitality appeared in the attitude of these stony faced Indians until their spokesman shouted greetings which Rhode Islanders have come to regard as the friendliest of welcomes, "What Cheer!" That greeting was the turning point in the fortunes of Roger Williams. It represented the corner stone of the state that was to evolve from the incident.

What great power brought him and his associates to such a delightful place, far from vicious tongues and unsympathetic regard of men who doggedly travelled the straight and narrow path of religious bigotry. Surely it could be nothing else but God's own Providence. And so, fired by the desire to share religious liberty with those who were oppressed and persecuted, he there and then established a harbor of refuge where liberty and freedom of thought might forever prevail, and he called this place "Providence." May we ever strive to make Masonry an active agent to perpetuate his teachings and example, putting into practice the great lessons propounded by this great exemplar of brotherly love and affection.

SASKATCHEWAN. Committee on Condition of Masonry. 1949

LODGE EFFICIENCY

With few exceptions, favourable comment has been made concerning the efficiency of Lodge officers in the discharge of their duties.. However, two D.D.G.M.'s have stressed the importance of that portion of Section 129 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge which reads as follows:

> "A Master elect shall not assume the Master's chair until he has given evidence of his proficiency to a Board of Installed Masters."

If Installed Masters be familiar with the degree of efficiency required in this connection and fulfil their duties in accordance with Section 130 of the Constitution there need be no subsequent cause for complaint in connection with the proficiency of the Master. Since reports of ritualistic inefficiency are rare, it is hoped that all Masters elect will be prepared to meet the most exacting requirements of Examining Boards by knowing their duties as Masters and being competent to confer the various degrees as well as to open and close the Lodge in each Degree in accordance with the established work. In connection with the customary assistance given by Past Masters one D.D.G.M. said in his report "While I agree with the general practice of a Worshipful Master delegating part of his work I feel that this might be overdone, and I would caution Examining Boards to be more thorough in their duties."

Records of attendance are an indication of lodge efficiency and reflect the pride and interest of Lodge members in their Institution. Measured by this criterion, many Lodges do not now rank creditably. It is the opinion of your Committee that there should be a keen scrutiny by all Lodge officers of their over-all programme so as to increase its attractiveness and acceptability to the membership. A Master's responsibility is not discharged by his mastery of ritual; he should also exercise imagination in the planning of pleasing agendas and see to their punctual presentation. Only one Lodge was classed "poor" by the D.D.G.M's.; four were "poor to fair;" eighteen were "fair;" twenty-one were "fair to good;" and the remainder were either "good" or "excellent." If attendance were better, more Lodges would have warranted a high rating.

On the subject of meetings and attendance, the following comment of one D.D.G.M. deserves consideration:

> "An interesting suggestion has recently been advanced by one of our most progressive Lodges with a view to increasing interest and enthusiasm among the brethren which, in turn, would increase Lodge attendance. This suggestion would confine degree work to Emergent meetings with the Regular meetings kept exclusively for business sessions, augmented by Masonic discussions, quizzes, reviews of Western Conference material, etc. It has been recognized by this Lodge that the continual observation of degree work by the brethren not holding office ceases in time to be of sufficient interest to maintain enthusiasm and that such brethren have little opportunity of personal effort in behalf of their Lodge."

SASKATCHEWAN. Board of Custodians. 1949

The Secretary read the following resolution from the Past Masters' Association of Prince Albert:

> "That it would be advantageous for the Junior Officers to state their own duties in the opening ceremonies, instead of this duty being assigned to the Wardens. And that the Custodians of the Work be urgently requested to give this resolution their favourable and early consideration."

We assumed that the Junior Officers meant the Tyler, Inner Guard and the two Deacons whose duties are stated in the opening ceremonies by the Senior and Junior Wardens. On examining the work of the other Canadian jurisdictions we do not find uniformity. Some have our method, some have a mixed method and none have in its entirety the method suggested by the resolution.

One objection to the proposed method is that the Tyler would have to be called from his post. The objection which most influenced your Board is that unless it is very important it is undesirable to make changes in the ritual. For all the years of this Grand Lodge we have been striving for province-wide uniformity in our work. Every change makes this task more prolonged. We believe too that before any change is made there should be a widespread demand for it from the brethren. We have not become aware that the statement of the duties of the Junior Officers by the Wardens instead of by the Junior Officers themselves has resulted in any laxity or inefficiency of these Junior Officers.

The above resolution was, as appears from the foregoing, discussed at considerable length and on motion of A. O. Brooks and F. C. Hayes it was resolved that:

> "The Board of Custodians do not recommend the adoption of the changes in ritual as proposed therein."

The Secretary read a communication from W. Bro. M. Herman Davidson, requesting a decision with respect to the position of the Altar in relation to the letter "G."

On motion of D. Fraser and A. O. Brooks it was resolved that:

> "In view of the reference in the prescribed work for closing in the Second Degree indicating clearly that the letter "G" must be suspended in the centre of the lodge and in the opening in the Third Degree similarly indicating that it is opened on the centre and the V.S.L. being on the Altar it follows that the Altar should be in the centre of the lodge room and the Board so rules."

SCOTLAND. Grand Committee. 1949

The Committee considered the question of the Secret Societies raised at the Grand Committee Meeting held on 19th May, and have to report that on the information available, these Societies are such as not to merit the attention of Grand Lodge. The Committee drew attention to Law No. 158, which states:

> "A brother of any Daughter Lodge shall not take part in or be concerned with the working or promulgation in any manner of way of any Degree, Rite, or Order, purporting to be Masonic, which is not authorized by Grand Lodge, or by another Masonic Grand Body, nor join, visit, or countenance any organization, purporting to be Masonic, not recognized as such by Grand Lodge or another Masonic Grand Body. Any brother acting in breach hereof shall be liable to suspension or expulsion."

SCOTLAND. Joint Conference of Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master Mason reported that together with Brother Hornal and Grand Secretary he attended a Joint Conference in London of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland on Wednesday, 29th June. Considerable discussion took place at the Conference regarding the Aims and Relationships of the Craft, and it was agreed that, subject to the confirmation of the three Grand Lodges, the following statement would be issued simultaneously:

In August 1938, The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, each agreed upon and issued a statement identical in terms, except that the name of the issuing Grand Lodge appeared throughout. Paragraph 7 of this statement, which is entitled "Aims and Relationships of the Craft," is in the following terms:

> "The Grand Lodge has always consistently refused to express any opinion on questions of foreign or domestic state policy either at home or abroad, and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however humanitarian it may appear to be which infringes its unalterable policy of standing aloof from every question affecting the relations between one Government and another, or between political parties, or questions as to rival theories of government."

The Grand Lodge of England has been asked if it still stands by this declaration, particularly in regard to paragraph 7. The Grand Lodge of England replied that it stood by every word of the declaration, and has since asked for the opinion of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland. A Conference has been held between the three Grand Lodges, and all unhesitatingly reaffirm the statement that was pronounced in 1938: nothing in present-day affairs has been found that could cause them to recede from that attitude,

If Freemasonry once deviated from its course by expressing an opinion on political or theological questions, it would be called upon not only publicly to approve or denounce any movement which might arise in the future, but would sow the seeds of discord among its own members.

The three Grand Lodges are convinced that it is only by rigid adherence to this policy that Freemasonry has survived the constantly changing doctrines of the outside world, and are compelled to place on record their complete disapproval of any action which may tend to permit the slightest departure from the basic principles of Freemasonry. They are strongly of opinion that if any of the three Grand Lodges does so, it cannot maintain a claim to be following the Ancient Landmarks of the Order and must ultimately face disintegration.

SOUTH AFRICA. District Grand Lodge. Western Division. District Grand Master. 1949

R.W. Bro. Thos. N. Cranston-Day, D.G.M., in his address mentioned that this is the 21st Annual Meeting over which he had the privilege to preside and so may be considered as having attained his majority and reached the age of discretion.

An interesting event took place in London, England, last September, when the "South Africa Lodge No. 6742, was consecrated in Freemasons' Hall, by the Grand Master.

The Lodge has been formed to provide a meeting place for South African brethren, a number of whom were Founders.

FRIENDSHIP—I often think, as we pass from the turmoil and the strife of busy life into a Masonic Lodge, there come into our minds reverent and restful feelings as we hear the recital of the solemn ritual of our Order. Many of you must have had this experience, and I think it is brought about not only by the ceremony we listen to, but also by the instinctive sense that we are surrounded by those whom Masonry has made our surest and best friends. Friends whose sympathy we can ever rely upon and whose brotherhood will remain with us while life lasts. Then my brethren, whatever our position in the Lodge, let us exercise the utmost care that no act or word of ours shall introduce an element of discord; and ever bear in mind the joyful exclamation of the Psalmist, "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Some of the old Eastern sayings—those echoes from the profound silence of the desert — contain much Masonic philosophy: "When thou hast a friend meet him often, for thorns and brushwood obstruct the road where no man treads. When thou hast a friend, cherish and keep him, lest Time and old age find thee wandering in the wilderness of this life, desolate and alone."

Passing from the Lodge again into the outside world, this discipline of Peace and Harmony will help us to smooth over the rough edges of daily life and cement and consolidate our friendships there.

VIGILANCE—The task of Masonic Lodges in these days is a simple one, for the task of a Lodge is nothing more than the duty of the individual Brother. That task is to continue to be faithful to the loyalties enjoined upon us and the laws of the country of which we are citizens, even though we may, at times, rightfully disagree with certain technicalities; and work for what we individually feel to be the welfare of mankind.

It means to continue such practices in our relationship with men as will tend to keep this country a united nation. It means the insistence upon the rights of others in order that there may be rights for all. It means continuing to demand that the freedom of every man shall be respected in order that there may be freedom for all; and above all, it means that every Mason should, with intelligence and careful thought, exercise that steadying influence in his own circle of friends which is essential if we are to avoid chaotic thinking and unwise actions.

There is little in each day's news that reveals either a spiritual awarement of our need of betterment or the physical effort required to bring it about; but there is an astonishing disregard of the simple arithmetic of cause and effect; and of the lessons of history in thinking that there can be any lasting benefit if one group of people seeks to advance its own interests at the expense of all other groups. That is foreign to our conception as Freemasons.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1948

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

In view of the edict of Grand Lodge requiring the establishment in each Lodge of a Committee of Inquiry for the purpose of ensuring the most searching inquiry into the character and qualifications of candidates, the Board recommends that each Lodge shall take steps to incorporate in its by-laws a new clause under the heading, "Committee of Inquiry," reading:

> "There shall be a Committee of Inquiry consisting of the Master for the time being and three Past Masters who

> shall be elected at the annual election of officers. When so directed by the Executive Committee, the Committee of Inquiry shall be responsible for inquiries into the character and qualifications of candidates for initiation, joining or affiliation and shall communicate the result of such inquiries to the Master.
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> "For the purposes of any such inquiry, the Committee of Inquiry shall have power to co-opt the services of any Brother of the Lodge and to require the intended proposer and seconder or any other member of the Lodge to attend before it."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1948

EXHORTATION

"At the last Annual Communication I called upon the brethren to recognize to the full their responsibility for the daily pursuit of Masonic virtues. Recent events have but emphasized the necessity for the call. An evil spirit, which would deny everything our Order stands for, has raised its head in our fair land. It seeks to set class against class. It teaches disrespect for the law. It would undermine true individuality and personal freedom and would substitute a sordid materialism for our belief in the G.A.O.T.U. and his divine guidance. Our Order can and must meet that evil spirit and overcome it. Let our teachings but permeate our Lodges through and through, and we can in a large measure counteract this vicious attack on our way of life. Our precepts are based on the eternal verities of the Volume of the Sacred Law, and if truly practised they must, with the help of the Divine Creator, ultimately prevail. But each brother must recognize his personal responsibility as a member of the Craft."

At the conclusion of his address the Grand Master requested the brethren to stand in silence in respectful memory of the two distinguished Freemasons to whom he had referred—R.W. Bro. Owen Fox and R.W. Bro. Reynolds—and also of all other brethren who had passed away since the last Communication.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1949

ROCK QUARRY MEETING

On Friday evening August 27th, the 14th Masonic District held its 9th annual meeting in Wings Rock Quarry near the Traveller's Rest. Several thousand Masons from South Carolina and adjoining States, gathered for the meeting. A rustic Lodge was arranged on the floor of this abondoned quarry with seating arrangements for several thousand.

The significance of this meeting lies not only in the very efficient ritualistic work which took place and inspiring addresses given, but in its peculiar setting. One was constantly reminded of that time when Masons were forced to meet in the lowest valleys and on the highest hills to escape persecution and even death. Sitting in the dim light cast by flares arranged and looking up at the starry decked canopy of heaven, one was made to feel that he need only to reach out a hand to touch the face of the Eternal.

We are living today in an age in which men have been peculiarly blessed—blessed with the power to alleviate human suffering, extend the span of life, laugh in the face of prophets of starvation, and enjoy beauties never dreamed of heretofore. Yet men the world over are mortally afraid. They are looking for something eternal upon which to fix their hopes and fasten their grips. They are looking for a power greater than the forces of nature which they have unlocked. In the philosophy of this organization we have that power. If men the world over will recognize that God is our Father, that men are our brothers, humanity can forget to be afraid.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1949

Three quarters of a century ago at Elk Point, Dakota Territory, there came into being a Masonic Grand Lodge composed of 250 members, working under charters from the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Sixty years ago at Mitchell, twins were born of the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory to be known as Grand Lodges of North Dakota and South Dakota. Today as we open the celebration of the Seventy Fifth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, it is a pleasure to point out the membership of this jurisdiction consists of almost 18,000 Masons against the 250 members composing the original Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory.

I recommend study of the idea of electing District Masters in each district subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

I recommend District Masters hold office for a maximum of three years.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Committee on Jurisprudence. 1949

Your Committee has considered the recommendation of the Grand Master relative to the selection and term of office of District Masters. We recommend that a special committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to make a study of this matter and report its findings and recommendations to the next communication of Grand Lodge.

TASMANIA. Grand Master. 1949

I am indebted to the "Masonic Messenger" for my closing thoughts. The article is "Tied Hands:" It has become a way of evading our responsibility in life—the use of the phrase 'My hands are tied.' It is also many times an evasion of truth. It is always an admission of weakness.

In the struggle today, and Masons, of all people, watching the rise of evil and destruction within a stable society, know that it is no longer a statement that can be accepted by those who seek the genuine and hate the false.

We may for the time be rid of the person or the problem that is brought to us by saying 'My hands are tied,' but the problem remains. Our conscience remains.

We represent single units, but we exert a force for good, or a force for bad. Silence may at times represent a force for good, but there are times when courage requires that we speak out and not resort to a convenient phrase that has the unsavoury smell of cowardice.

For a present security, for a smug feeling of importance, are we willing to throw aside lightly an opportunity for service to humanity?

It is not our hands that are tied. It is the mind and heart which imprison the hands.

What little can I do? The little that we can all do may add up to greatness. My name and your name may be lost in the work of building the Temple, but when the structure is completed, we will feel proud inside, that our soul released our hands."

Brethren all—May the Most High grant us discernment to grapple with these momentous questions to His Glory and the welfare of our Craft.

TENNESSEE. Grand Master. 1950

MASONIC CHARITY

It is so wonderful to be able to render a service to those in distress, whether it be with a warm hand clasp or a pat on the back or only a smile, but there are so many of us that think Charity is spelled (M O N E Y). Surely the main pillar of the temple is Charity (L O V E) and how pleasant it is to practice charity—"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not LOVE then I am nothing." But so often we mistake the use of the word, so often we misconstrue just what we mean by charity. Not long ago one of the visiting brethren said, "We pay our 'tax' into the Grand Lodge and they do our charity"—and we regret to say that there are a great many that believe such a report is true, that pay the per capita tax is all they have to do as members of the Lodge or as individuals. Perhaps this is a good time to state just what the per capita tax to the Grand Lodge really is—namely the $2.25 per member paid by the subordinate Lodge for the privilege of operating as a subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction and supervision of Grand Lodge. This $2.25 paid to the Grand Lodge is not for Charity but for the operation of the Grand Lodge, but the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has endeavored to practice the beautiful thought of charity and has expended every dollar that is not used for the purpose of operating the Grand Lodge for the current year for the care of those in distress through death and sickness and poverty; not to relieve the burden or the privilege to do good and render a service that might fall upon a subordinate Lodge. We all should ever remember it is an individual service we must render; not only as a group, but that each one of us has a part. "All of wealth and earthly goods are only loaned to us by God our Father and we are His almoners to dispense it charitably."

The Grand Lodge is so glad to be able to render such a service to those in distress when it possibly can, but we do feel that the Subordinate Lodge should also feel its responsibility and be ready to render that service itself and only when the burden becomes too great then call on the Grand Lodge to come to the aid of such a Lodge. But to just turn over your every call to the Grand Lodge to do all of your Charity work is not entirely fair to the Grand Lodge. Your Grand Lodge has been most cooperative in assisting the Lodges in looking after their cases of distress but there are many Lodges which have just shifted their entire work over to the Grand Lodge. We also realize that with the small amount of dues collected by some of the Lodges they have very little for the cause of Charity. Such a state is not a healthy one and each Lodge and each brother should feel their own responsibility and do their best to relieve the suffering in their respective Lodges and communities. When a brother shifts such a responsibility to another, what benefit do they derive from such action? Let each brother and each Lodge do some special work of love all their very own and see what a great blessing will be bestowed upon the giver. For the last thirty years your Grand Lodge has taken care of most of the Charity work in the state for the Lodges, and when you think of $70,000.00 being expended by the Grand Lodge it is no little thing to relieve the subordinate Lodge of such an expense, when the Lodge should be doing the most of the work of love. We feel that a Lodge should take its place in the community, share in its responsibilities while enjoying its pleasures and privileges and be of some value over and above self; otherwise it becomes selfish, and then dormant, and loses its self respect and standing in the community and ceases to do good. Some of our Lodges have gone the other mile and today they have no money in the treasury but do have an abundance of wealth that will not rust or corrode, while some other Lodges have a bank account and still refer all cases of charity to the Grand Lodge. We also realize some of our Lodges are unable to meet all their obligations and we are always willing to help, aid and assist our weaker brethren, but only when they endeavor to help, aid and assist themselves. There are some Grand Jurisdictions that leave their subordinate Lodges to work out the assisting of their needy in their own way and those subordinate Lodges really justify their existence. We want our Lodges to feel their responsibility also.

TEXAS. Grand Master. 1948

MASONS, NOT MEMBERS

"The ancient Landmarks and laws of Freemasonry are time-tested and tried. Though we cannot always appreciate their 'why

and wherefore,' we may never set them aside. To find reason for their single exception is to invite trouble; to set them aside is to change and to destroy our Order."

At the beginning of my term as Grand Master, I addressed a letter to my District Deputy Grand Masters in which I expressed to them my programme in part as follows:

"You have certain Masonic legal duties. You will of course officially visit each Lodge in your district during your term of office, after notifying the Lodge of your intended visitation. I trust, however, you will not stop at one visit, but find it convenient to visit your Lodges several times during the year.

"You will also examine the records of your Lodges, including the minutes of the Lodges, and see that they are all properly kept.

"I am convinced that a strong Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association in each district is of the greatest value to the District Deputy Grand Master, as well as the Grand Lodge itself, and if such an organization has not been perfected in your district, I trust you will request such an organization at your earliest convenience, having a meeting called thereof, and attend this meeting for the purpose of getting better acquainted and discussing the programmes of your Lodges and of your district for the year.

"The Investigating Committee is by far our most responsible committee. The strength, the usefulness, our existence and position that we hold in each community depend upon the men who are permitted to wear the 'Badge of a Mason.' I think the below quotation is the best test that I have yet heard:

> "Does the community point the finger of admiration and respect and say, "There walks a Mason!" Do wives speed their husbands to Lodge with a blessing, knowing they will be better men as the result? Do men walk

home from Lodge with a greater sense of brotherhood, more love for humanity and greater reverence and gratitude to their Creator?"

"We, my brethren, hold the answer. What shall it be?

"Our Lodges need MASONS, NOT MEMBERS. This I urge you to emphasize on your visits to your Lodges.

"Something more than the repeated witnessing of the conferring of our beautiful degrees is required to accomplish these purposes. I would suggest that you purge your Masters to put more men to work, put men on committees, urge them to learn and confer the work, and organize degree teams for all three degrees. At stated meetings, have articles from our Grand Lodge Magazine read and invite discussion. Let's have Masons that are truly interested in Masonry, and all that it stands for and teaches, NOT JUST MEMBERS, who know nothing about our fraternity, its purposes, its policies, its achievements, its principles and its charities.

"Our great need is for an active programme of education and instruction in the Lodge to instruct our members, new and old, give them a knowledge and full understanding of our mysteries, symbols, principles, tenets and glorious ideals. Let our Lodges hear something of our great history and its traditions; learn about our great Masonic Home and School, our Grand Tubercular Aid Fund, and the aid that we render to a Master Mason's widow. Above all, see that the brethren are fully and correctly instructed in our Ancient Landmarks, our ancient usages and customs; these things that may not be altered, changed or amended. Let each be on constant guard that no innovation slips in; that it be well understood that we will not tolerate at any time innovations. I regret to say that there is a tendency in Texas to make light of our Landmarks, and this is a tendency that must not be underestimated.

"In your visit to your Lodges, in addition to what you may wish to say and point out, it would, in my opinion, be proper and most timely to call attention to the fact that nowhere else may people look to the future with assurance of faith, hope and confidence than right here in our own country. Here we may plan our future; we may speak our thoughts publicly; we may go about our daily affairs without interference or persecution; we may attend the church of our own choice; we enjoy free press and right of public assembly; and we are secure in our property rights. We may proclaim that we are members of the Masonic fraternity; we may attend its meetings whenever we desire, and we have the right to go to the polling places at any time and vote for the person or thing that we desire to vote for. These rights are denied to most of the people of this world, and we should thank our Heavenly Father for these and His many other blessings which we daily enjoy. At the same time, when we give and render our thanks for these blessings and for the many happinesses that are ours, may we never forget those who made them possible for us; men like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, Paul Revere, and a host of other good and true Masons who from Masonic concepts and teachings in Masonic Lodges established for you and me in this great republic the right of justice, liberty and freedom. Let every Mason continue to give grateful thanks and show his sincere appreciation for our Declaration of Independence and our great Constitution."

To the Worshipful Masters and Brethren I addressed the following:

"In a world of greed and force, Freemasonry teaches self-restraint and reason. In a world permeated with the spirit of selfish rivalry, it teaches universal brotherhood. In a world of bigotry and intolerance, it teaches tolerance and kindness. In a world of cynical disbelief, it teaches reverence for Almighty God.

"I here remind you that a true Mason is not known by the badge or jewel he wears but by his words, his acts and his deeds. Each Mason, my brethren, is clothed alike—with an apron, the color of which is white and spotless; so should be our hearts and lives.

"STOP AND REFLECT for the moment of the nations that have risen to power and disappeared, their hopes and achievements buried in the pages of history. Yet Masonry stands more firmly today than ever before, unchanged, handing down from mouth to ear, from father to son, century after century, its sublime secrets of life, being those rules of conduct laid down by the great Light of Masonry and summed up in the Ten Commandments."

VICTORIA. Grand Master. 1948

Wherever we look at this time in Freemasonry we find things satisfactory. We have over 76,000 members, our funds are at a record level. But I believe, brethren, if we are going to measure the strength of Freemasonry by its members or by its funds, we are making a mistake. The only way we can measure the strength of Freemasonry is by the spirit of its members. I believe the spirit of this great Order is the right one.

But, when we turn our eyes to the wider field without, the outlook is not so reassuring. We find there on every hand, strife and danger and suspicion. I believe these are apparent in the outside world because so many men have not been inspired with the principles of Freemasonry. They have no beliefs in God, no loyalty to King or to country. I believe we as Freemasons will, sooner or later, have to accept this challenge that has been thrown down to us as Freemasons and decent living people. Because if we do not take up and accept this challenge we may lose those privileges which we value very highly—the right to worship according to our beliefs, loyalty to our King and faithfulness to our Country. I would ask all Freemasons to be worthy, so to live and act that they may exemplify the principles of Freemasonry in their daily workaday lives. I believe we should be prepared, brethren, to concede to others all those things that we would expect reasonable men to concede to us. Those who are responsible for all this strife in the outside world are not reasonable men. They are a band of foreign-inspired people who wish to take from us the privileges our ancestors fought for, and proudly handed down to us. Let us as Freemasons resolve to be true to our principles. Let us insist on, and if need be fight for, those essentials of Freemasonry —the right to worship our God, loyalty to King, and loyalty to our Country.

Brethren, while there may be disturbing influences in the outside world, I believe these may be overcome, for always there is loyalty, there is fidelity, there is charity, there is brotherhood, and above all there is God. May the blessing of Almighty God be with you, my brethren.

M.W. Grand Master: M.W. Bro. Byrne and R.W. Deputy Grand Master, I do thank you for the proposition and the brethren for the support they have given to my nomination. I thank you very sincerely for the very generous words you have said about me. Yet I feel that you have allowed your friendship for me rather to outweigh your judgment. At the same time, brethren, I have given a deal of thought whether I would be fair to myself and also to this Grand Lodge in agreeing to accept nomination. But almost half a lifetime in Masonic service does count, particularly when it comes to that final decision I had to make, and I found that Freemasonry won. I quite realize something of my imperfections. I realize that I cannot give you the leadership nor that inspiration that you of this Grand Lodge have a right to expect. At the same time while, by your nomination this evening, you have placed upon my shoulders great and serious responsibilities, I suggest that by your acquiescence in this nomination you also assumed certain obligations, to support the Grand

Master and Grand Lodge to the very limit of your capacity. I feel that you and I, working together, brethren, in this Grand Lodge really may accomplish something. I wish tonight to speak to you about certain aspects of our Craft that have occurred over the last two years. I have been very seriously disturbed in regard to what I believe has been a definite drift from true Masonic traditions in certain respects. I have referred to these matters before in our Lodges. but I am going to refer to them again this evening. One of those matters, brethren, is the question of Masonic dress. I know that you might say that this is not an important matter, but I believe, brethren, that if we allow ourselves to get slovenly in our dress, we will be slovenly in our habits and our thoughts. I know full well it is difficult to obtain proper Masonic dress, but every man may obtain a dark suit and come suitably attired to his Lodge. We all owe that to our Lodge, and I expect every Brother to make every effort in this direction. I trust that brethren of Grand Lodge will do everything possible in their Lodges to see that there is due decorum in regard to dress. Please do not misunderstand me. I do not say that every one should have Masonic dress. I know that is impossible, but I am saying this as forcibly as I can that everyone should be suitably attired. Another matter I would like to talk to you about this evening is decorum in our Lodges. When we come into our Lodges we should realize that we are walking on holy ground. This incessant talking from the East creates a wrong influence in the Lodges. I ask you to suppress this. You also can help by seeing that due decorum is observed in the South. Allow nothing of a questionable nature to be told or sung there. Let us see that the South is kept clean; let it be joyous as possible, but it must be clean. I ask you members of this Grand Lodge to carry out your obligation in this regard. If you hear anything questionable, no matter what it is, stand up and object to it in my name. In that way we will clean this matter up very quickly. There is one other matter I would like to speak to you about this evening. It was referred to me by the Board of General Purposes to make a pronouncement. Brethren, there are Lodges who are initiating candidates night after night and who have up to 20 or 30 brethren waiting to take their Second and Third Degrees. They have been waiting more than a year. I do not say that Initiates should be put through all the degrees in, say, three or four months. A reasonable time is desired, but putting through Initiates with the desire of building up the funds of a Lodge by getting the Initiation fees is doing a great deal of harm to our Craft. Brethren, this organization of ours is not a financial institution. We are not out to get as much money as we can. We are here to promulgate the principles and tenets of our Order, and I do expect you brethren in your own Lodges and wherever you go to impress this fact upon Masters that they play the game in this respect and that during the year they should initiate a certain number and that they should pass and raise a similar number. Brethren, if you do that you will be helping me greatly and taking a load off my mind. You may think these are small things, but I do suggest that if we lower our standards we will lose eventually the grip on our great principles.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1949

The Board has adopted a revision of the Ritual for Consecrating a new Lodge, as prepared by the Rituals and Ceremonials Committee in conjunction with the Grand Director of Ceremonies. Words and phrases, which are redundant, have been deleted, and a few minor corrections incorporated. Provision has been made for the addition of Salt as an element.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1949

It is well established Masonic common law that it is the prerogative of the Worshipful Master to determine the personnel of every committee. The Master is responsible for the conduct of the lodge and he can be held responsible only so long as he can control the committees and functions. I have therefore, been compelled to set up the personnel of committees, such as a finance committee or a charity committee. Similarly, a by-law which would compel the Master to appoint an officer, such as a chaplain or an organist, which is not a required officer, has been held to be illegal. The Master has the right and power to appoint additional officers such as a chaplain or an organist if he thinks wise, but it is not in the power of the lodge to compel him to do so.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY

ALBERTA. Grand Master. 1949

A great many lodges have found it necessary to raise their initiation fee and some have raised both initiation fee and annual dues. This is in keeping with the times. Lodges have found it necessary to find more money to meet rising costs of everything connected with the running of the Lodge. I would like to sound a note of warning, and perhaps advice. I trust that all lodges will keep their finances in good shape. Do not use every cent you have just because you have it. Some of us have seen times when lodge dues were slow in coming in, and initiation fees were practically unheard of. Just remember Old Man Micawber's advice to David Copperfield.

It is my sincere hope that we may never have a repetition of the lean '30's, but still I would recommend that you keep your financial affairs well in hand, and not expect these boom days to continue indefinitely. Do not mortgage your future, even if it looks golden.

There is a great demand today for leadership, and our Craft is no exception. I have observed, and I am sure you have also made the same observation, that where there are good live officers, willing and ready to put a little time and effort on their job, the lodge is well out in front, with good attendance and real interest in the work.

The Master has a great responsibility and no man should accept that responsible office if he is not willing and able to set his brethren to work, and give them proper instruction for their labors.

ALBERTA. Committee on the Condition of Masonry. 1949

Your committee note from the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s, that many of our City Lodges are now becoming so large that lodge rooms are taxed to capacity to accommodate their numbers, particularly on special nights, your committee suggest that careful consideration be given to the formation of new lodges, especially by some of our larger bodies. This would create Masonic work of an interesting character by giving older and more experienced members of the lodge an opportunity for sponsorship of new lodges and officers, and your committee feel that more lodges, with smaller memberships, would create greater interest in an ever-widening field of Masonic service.

It is noted in the Reports of the D.D.G.M.'s, that the percentage of attendance at many of our lodge meetings is very small, and your committee believe that smaller lodges would do much to change this condition.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY

ARIZONA. Grand Master. 1948

As of a few days ago we enjoyed a net membership of 8,139 as compared with 7,792 members as of January 1, 1948. Efficiency and harmony prevail among the Lodges and members, except in the two instances of trials reported elsewhere in this report. Everywhere officers and members are enthusiastic, interested in the work and in real Masonry. The Lodges for the most part are in excellent condition financially. Two Lodges, Kingman and Coolidge, enjoyed the thrill that comes from burning their mortgages upon final payment of the debt against their Lodge halls. Some reports came to me me, and are still coming to me, that members are being solicited both directly and indirectly. This is contrary to everything Masonic. Some instances will be passed on to my successor for his observance and action.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1949

Before concluding my report to this communication, I wish to say how much I have been impressed by the general high standards of the practice of Freemasonry in our jurisdiction. Although I have been able to visit only forty-two lodges, I have been able on these visitations, to contact the Worshipful Masters and officers of over one hundred lodges. I have been deeply impressed by the high spiritual type of men which we have leading our lodges. This speaks well for the continued high standard of Freemasonry. However, brethren, let us not be guilty of the sin of complacency. We must remember that the accepted candidate of today will be among our leaders in another generation. With the great many who are still clamoring to come into our Order, we can afford to screen them with the utmost care. Freemasonry does not lay foundations. It builds on them. If we accept candidates who appear to be suitable without proper enquiry into their moral and spiritual foundations, we may have a candidate on whose foundations we will not be able to raise a Masonic superstructure, and we may have another member and not a Freemason.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1949

On December 31, 1948, our membership totalled 160,951 and during this seven-year period we have taken into our membership 79,016, with a net gain for the period of 53,709 which means that we have increased our membership about one-third. This indicates that our Lodges have been faced during this period with the task of just "making" Masons and too little time was available to assimilate these new members and to educate them into the fundamentals of our institution. The net gain this past year is about one-half of the number raised at the peak and this would indicate that our Lodges should now be able to turn their attention to other matters that are equally important in fraternal associations.

An analysis of the membership figures for 1948-1949 shows that we raised, reinstated and affiliated a total of 9,290. We lost by death 2,165 and from other sources our total deductions were 4,053 giving us that net gain of 5,237. A further study shows that out of our large membership only 393 were suspended for non-payment of dues and 2,582 had their dues remitted for good and sufficient reasons. It thus appears that we are in a most healthy condition and can meet a possible economic period of recession, provided we have sufficiently strengthened the "mystic tie" that binds us to these brethren.

It is my humble opinion that we shall not have reached our ultimate aim until all of the Lodges in Indiana embark upon a programme that is more than the conferring of degrees. Your Grand Lodge has realized this for many years and has continuously worked upon a programme of work for the Lodges; one that would be not only instructive but interesting and entertaining. Too many of our Lodges have reported to me they did not have time, nor could they afford the expense of social and educational programmes. Too many have "lost" their candidates in the maze of ritual presentation and then had nothing more to offer them.

Every Lodge should have a programme of work and definite time in the Lodge schedule should be assigned to each activity—all in proper balance to the whole scheme of things. Such a comprehensive programme would include a study of the philosophy, the symbolism and the historic background of our institution; an active benevolence programme; a dignified but interesting social programme for the brethren, their ladies and their families; an interchange of social programmes with other Masonic organizations; and then a full co-operation with those events that are promoted by the Grand Lodge. Time will not permit an exhaustive presentation of this matter but help is available to you in developing your plans.

To do an adequate job every Lodge must be financially sound. It is not enough to be free from debt as far as your Temple property is concerned for you aspire to have the finest quarters you can afford. Your revenue should be adequate to meet the demands of all times so that you may meet the emergency that may come. You should have a substantial amount in your Relief Fund so that you can render Masonic benevolence when the worthy case arises. Let us not make the mistake of making our Masonry too cheap, rather let us make it commensurate with the high value that we want our members to place upon their membership.

May our efforts in the immediate future be to obtain the greatest amount of fraternity and fellowship in our memberships and plan so wisely and well that our memberships will be stable under any conditions that may arise. This is the challenge of our Order to each Lodge and its Worshipful Master. Are you big enough to accept it?

MAINE. Grand Master. 1949

The records for the year show a continued increase in membership. The number of applicants for degrees was substantially less than for the several immediately preceding years. The number raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason was 2,007, and the net gain for the year was 1,168. Our present membership is 43,250.

I feel the reduction in applications need cause us no concern. The activity of the War period and of the days immediately following has subsided. We are now in a more healthy growth.

The financial condition of the constituent lodges seems to be sound, in general. There are several lodges, however, where the amount of unpaid dues appears to be increasing at an unhealthy rate. It would seem that dues should have been readily collectable during the past year or two. There are indications that the financial conditions of recent years are changing and that money may be somewhat less plentiful in the future than in the immediate past. I would respectfully suggest that the officers and members of each lodge review the financial condition of their lodge with particular respect to the matter of dues. I urge each officer to exert his best efforts in this matter. It is a matter which requires careful and constant attention.

The matter of attendance at our lodges interests me greatly. The average attendance in the individual lodges varies somewhat year by year, although much less than might be expected. The average attendance, statewide, remains nearly constant at about ten per cent.

It has been thought that a programme of Masonic education might be helpful in increasing attendance. The committee which was appointed to consider an educational programme has not, as yet, proposed one for our consideration. It is my understanding, however, that a start is being made on this problem, and that something tangible in the way of a programme may be expected in time to be tried out and this fall in the event that you continue this committee for the ensuing year.

MARYLAND. Grand Master. 1949

We have continued to grow in membership this year and during the past six months show a net gain of 631.

In 1942, we had a net gain of 198 and a membership of 28,452. In 1946, a net gain of 2,225 and a membership of 34,685. In 1949 a net gain of 1,506 and our 124 Lodges now have a membership of 40,001.

In seven years we have had a net gain of 11,549 and an increase of about 40% in membership.

During these eight years, I am afraid we have been "making" Masons, and have not had time to try and instil into them the fundamental principles of our Institution.

I think we have passed the peak of our gains and our Lodges should now have more time to devote to meetings of an educational nature. Unless he is vitally interested, one soon tires of witnessing the conferring of degrees at every meeting and before long is among the missing. We should endeavor to keep our membership interested and active, if our Lodges are to remain stable under any conditions which might arise.

It has come to my attention that a number of Lodges are living beyond their income, using next year's dues to pay this year's debts. This is a deplorable condition and should not exist.

Expenses have been continually mounting; yet many Lodges have not increased their dues for years, but are endeavoring to run them by collecting the same amount they did twenty years or more ago. This cannot continue and the Lodge survive.

Masonry is the oldest, finest and largest fraternal organization in the world and as someone has said, "Let us not make the mistake of making our Masonry too cheap; rather let us make it commensurate with the high value that we want our members to place upon their membership."

Just recently, I was requested to present 90 Life Membership Certificates in one of our Lodges to members of that Lodge who were entitled thereto. I was informed that this Lodge has, with these new life Members, approximately 330 Life Members out of a total Lodge membership of slightly less than 1,000.

I am bringing this to your attention because I feel that the Life Membership problem is attaining serious proportions among the Lodges in this State, and if it is permitted to continue unabated, it cannot help but result in virtual bankruptcy for some of our very fine Lodges.

This is not a new problem, because if you will refer to page 85 of the Digest of the Constitution, you will find that it is there written:

> "Any form of life membership is prohibited in some States. It is believed that the custom of issuing Life Memberships should be discontinued for the reason that the burden of the Lodge maintenance ought to fall equally on all, and the payment of the Lodge dues should be uniform."

I wish the members of the Grand Lodge would carry this back to their Lodges and endeavor to meet these problems before it is too late.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1949

I believe that, with a few exceptions, the subordinate lodges of our Jurisdiction are in a healthy, sound condition. During the past year a substantial growth has occurred, with all but 13 lodges conferring one or more Master Degrees.

The problems of subordinate lodges are usually caused by weak leadership. Lodges which for years have languished suddenly come to life under a strong Worshipful Master.

The Grand Lodge can be of great assistance to a struggling lodge. Where difficulties are being encountered the lodge should invite the Grand Master to visit them and together with the members frankly discuss the situation and work out the solution. This call for assistance should come before the difficulties become overwhelming. Early help may solve a situation where later assistance cannot save the lodge. Brethren, your Grand Lodge is vitally interested in your welfare and should be consulted when need arises.

One of the problems which greatly concerns me is the too rapid growth of some lodges. I am convinced that a small or medium-sized lodge is better able to interest and inspire its membership. In some lodges the officers are so overburdened with conferring degrees that there is no time for anything else. I have been told that one lodge in Nebraska received 42 petitions in one month. The Worshipful Master has very wisely limited the conferring of degrees to five candidates each month. Perhaps a committee to study the feasibility of limiting the amount of degree work or size of lodge might be a wise procedure and provide a sounder future for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

NEVADA. Grand Master. 1949

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Except in isolated cases and then only with difficulties existing between individuals who seem imbued with the idea they themselves are always in the right the friendly spirit of true Masonry prevails in the Jurisdiction. In the isolated cases such assistance as I could offer has been given in a spirit of friendliness with moderate success. Perhaps the day will come when men will realize it might be wise to condemn the man whose face he sees in his bathroom mirror while shaving before he takes his neighbor to task with unkindly words or actions.

Once again our membership shows a substantial of gain of 176 members. This gain has been healthy and we can look forward to leadership in the Fraternity from among those who have recently joined our midst.

A new Lodge has been added to our roster with the formation of Mount Rose Lodge in Reno. Under the capable hands of its founders this Lodge has a very bright prospect and should become one of the strongest Lodges in the States.

Our fraternal ties with all other Grand Jurisdictions remains cordial and through interjurisdictional visitations with our neighbors has been more solidly cemented.

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1949

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

Soon after my installation last year I selected a general heading for our thinking this year which, you will recall, is—BE AVAILABLE—BE PREPARED—BE AGGRESSIVE. I have visited and observed the excellent ritualisic work the brethren in our constituent lodges — 120 of them — are doing in their respective temples. They have been initiating, passing and raising large numbers of some of the best men in North Dakota. We must continue to guard well the outer door. In times of prosperity, which thank God, we have experienced now for several years, there are those who seek admission simply to be associated with the best men in their community. While this is an admirable desire, we have seen during periods of adversity that their enthusiasm depreciates rapidly. It is imperative then that these new members be carefully indoctrinated with the principles of Freemasonry, and given the opportunity to contribute something to the success of their Lodge. This can be done in several ways, both within the Lodge room and in the community in which we live.

This year I have particularly stressed the importance of developing community leaders. Masonry presents a fundamental life philosophy. Since our membership is carefully selected and we represent the best interests in the community it naturally follows that the community expects more from us in the way of leadership. Many of our leaders today are Masons but I have a feeling that too many brethren on the side lines fail to make themselves AVAILABLE; they do not exert sufficient effort to become adequately PREPARED, and all too often show a lack of AGGRESSIVENESS. It is with this thought in mind that I am suggesting this year that our Lodges make a special effort to support worth while community, State and National projects. Back up your local leaders and encourage new members to participate in community affairs.

SCOTLAND. Grand Secretary. 1949

Grand Secretary reported that the total number of Entrants recorded in the Books of Grand Lodge between the years of 1900 and 1949 was 644,179. The total number of Entrants recorded for the year 1949 is 15,025.

UTAH. Grand Master. 1949

The prospects for the future of Masonry in this Jurisdiction are particularly encouraging. Quite recently a survey which was carried out in one of the leading business magazines, made comparison of the populations of the several States July 1st, 1940, as against that of July 1st, 1948. Utah's increase in population for the eight year period was shown as 95,000 or 16. 1%, due primarily to the increased industrial activity in our State.

If these figures are even approximately correct, doubtless many of these newcomers to our Jurisdiction are members of the Craft who will eventually be affiliating with our Utah Lodges. It may likewise be assumed that many may be eligible and in due time will apply for our degrees.

It behooves each of us, therefore, to be constantly aware that we are individual representatives of our Fraternity and the life, conduct and conversation of each must be such that the world at large will be convinced of Masonry's good purposes and effects.

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1949

OVER CROWDED LODGES

In my reviewing work over the past two or three years I find an increasing pressure by Grand Masters and others against the 'big lodge' which is bearing fruit in the organization of an increasingly larger number of new Lodges.

It is claimed that interest in the Lodge and in Freemasonry in general is much keener in a Lodge small enough so that each member knows and fellowships with all the other members. Also, that interest is enhanced when the chances of the average member to hold office and do actual Masonic work are increased by smaller membership. The opportunity to become a Worshipful Master in a Lodge of 600 is merely a remote possibility, but, in a Lodge of 100 or 200 it becomes a probability worth striving for. It is said that the percentage of decrease in the small Lodge, in a depression period, is much less than in the large Lodge. It is rare indeed, outside the United States, to find a Lodge having a membership much greater than 200.

Everywhere under the English, Scottish and Irish Constitution and their influence, as soon as a Lodge reaches 200 or even less, that Lodge itself urges some of its members to petition for a new Lodge under dispensation and sponsors that new Lodge under and helps it get started.

In Vermont we have one Lodge over 700, three over 600, four over 400. We have chartered no new Lodges in forty years.

I believe it would be beneficial to Freemasonry in the communities referred to, and very soon show an increase in Masonic population, if some or all of these Lodges would encourage and sponsor the organization of new Lodges.

WYOMING. Committee on Masonic Correspondence. 1949

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND SIZE OF LODGES

The Masonic membership continues to grow. This is true in every jurisdiction in the United States and all except one in Canada. Several Grand Lodges, including our own, are reporting an all time high. While the membership continues to grow, the net increase in general is smaller than just a few years ago.

The increase in membership enjoyed for the past several years is still causing considerable concern among many Masonic leaders. Several have suggested that Investigating Committees should be more careful in the investigation of applicants for initiation. We agree with such suggestions of course, but hasten to remind the individual Mason that he has been charged with a serious responsibility which he should remember when he is asked to recommend anyone to receive the degrees. He is also charged with another responsibility just before casting his ballot for or against an applicant, which he should not take lightly.

Conditions are not perfect any place, and every situation can be improved, and will be if we all try for improvement. We are unable, however, to take a pessimistic attitude toward the functioning of investigating committees as a whole. From the general appearance of the candidates which we have seen initiated, passed and raised, and from the study of records, we are convinced that as a whole our growth is a healthy one.

As some proof that the brethren are guarding the portals we call attention to a few facts. In North Carolina, in the year under review, the number of rejections was 23% of the number of initiations, while in Michigan the percentage was 7½, and in our own state during the year just closed we initiated 458 and rejected 71—15½%. Twenty-three of our lodges, mostly the smaller ones, had no rejections, while one which initiated ten also rejected seven. While the record of any one individual lodge proves little, we repeat that we believe the overall condition is good.

The increase in membership calls attention to another problem facing nearly every jurisdiction in the United States, namely, the size of lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware reports the largest membership in its history. Most Worshipful Grand Master Yearsley suggests that one way to hold these members is to keep the lodges from becoming too large. They have only twenty-two lodges, the last of which was started in 1902, when their total membership was only about 2,500. The same number of lodges now have 6,463 members—an increase of 148%. He observes that during the last depression lodges with 250 members or less showed a loss of only 14%, while lodges with over 250 members lost 21%.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Ewing of Missouri, where lodges vary in size from 15 to 3,000 members, realizes the disadvantage of both extremes. To remedy the situation so far as the large lodge is concerned he suggested consideration of legislation to limit the size of lodges, so that when a lodge reached that number no more petitions could be accepted until such time as there happened to be a vacancy. The suggestion has merit but we do not visualize any such legislation being passed very soon.

North Carolina reports a membership of 43,221, which is 1,578 more than their former peak in 1926. However in 1926 they had 442 lodges and now only 321. The Grand Master there also called attention to the fact that in times of financial stress the small lodges suffer less in membership than is the case with the larger ones.

No new lodges have been started in Wyoming since 1938, yet since that time our membership has increased 2,947, or 37%—an average of practically 59 members per lodge. Seventy-five years ago when the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was formed, here in the City of Laramie where we meet today, there were but four lodges with a total membership of 214. Laramie Lodge No. 2, our host lodge, was one of those three. Both the City and the Lodge have grown tremendously. There is still only the one lodge here and it is the largest lodge in Wyoming, having 707 members. There is not the opportunity for friendship and close fellowship in the large lodge that there is in one of moderate size, nor is it possible to make full use of the potential Masonic leadership. Working members are interested members and interested members retain their membership.

We never hear much about the number of members under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. This is probably due to the fact that they permit plural memberships whereby one member may belong to as many lodges as he cares to join—therefore they cannot be sure as to the correct net membership. They have many lodges with a comparatively small number of members in each. During the ten years, 1939 to 1948, the number of lodges in London alone increased from 1,281 to 1,464; provincial lodge from 3,109 to 3,883;

while the overall pictures, including "District and Abroad," showed an increase from 5,129 to 6,097. The increase in number of lodges was continuous each and every year.

Brother Horace K. Jackson, M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, issued dispensations to start twelve new lodges during his year. Four of them were in the City of Dallas and three in Houston.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS

ALBERTA Grand Master. 1949

> Question: Is the Collective Ballot permissible—that is, One Ballot taken for a number of Candidates.

Answer: No—An Individual Ballot must be taken on each Candidate—where several Ballot boxes are used with the name of applicant plainly marked on each box— this is considered an Individual Ballot.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1949

PERMISSIONS REFUSED

I had two requests from charitable organizations for permission to circularize the lodges for donations.

These I refused.

I refused permission for a lodge to attend the funeral of a brother, as a lodge, at which they were not conducting the funeral, pointing out at the same time, that a lodge could not share with another organization, or person not a Freemason, any part of the funeral ceremony.

I refused permission for two candidates to be balloted for and initiated who were deaf or near deaf and would have to use hearing aids. This had been ruled on by at least two of my predecessors. However, in these cases they had reached the age where I felt that Freemasonry had little to offer them, and they little to contribute to Freemasonry.

CORNER STONES

I refused to consider a request to lay a corner stone of a Masonic Building which had been completed.

RULINGS

Several questions were submitted to me for rulings on procedure. As reference to one or more sections of the Book of Constitutions in each case was sufficient, no rulings were necessary.

Several requests for permission to ballot for candidates with physical disabilities have been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

While on the subject of disabilities, I wish to say that I think the time is fast approaching when we must assume a different attitude to this question. I find the Craft generally throughout the jurisdiction will demand it. A Perfect Youth or near Perfect Youth was necessary in the days of Operative Masonry, but we are Speculative Freemasons. Let us carry this idea into our Freemasonry as a symbol—that a Perfect Youth refers not so much to the physical but to the mental, moral and spiritual body. We have not even been consistent with the old idea of a Perfect Youth. If we were, we should have put on an age limit for admission. Freemasonry in this jurisdiction has robbed itself of much good material. We are building on character—the development of brain and spirit—not on limbs and physique. The ability to properly provide for himself and family, the character and mentality to appreciate our teachings should far outweigh the many minor physical disabilities that at present preclude some men from becoming Freemasons.

IDAHO. Grand Master. 1949

To Coeur d'Alene Lodge No. 20: To hold its stated communication on November 8, 1948, with a minimum number of five members present.

To Coeur d'Alene Lodge No. 20: Oral dispensation, later confirmed in writing, for the Worshipful Master to open and conduct a stated communication of the Lodge with but six members in attendance.

To Silver City Lodge No. 13: Oral dispensation, with subsequent written confirmation, for the Worshipful Master to open and conduct a stated communication of the Lodge in the Masonic Temple in Bois, on May 14, 1949, with but six members of the Lodge in attendance.

To Paul Lodge No 77: To hold a special communication of the Lodge on Mt. Harrison, on July 30, 1949, for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree of Freemasonry, provided the same site be used in this instance that was used on similar occasions in the past and that due precautions be taken to insure the privacy and secrecy of the ceremonies.

> Question: A brother has no receipt for dues paid to his Lodge but has receipts for dues paid to Concordant Bodies. May we admit him on that evidence?

Answer: No. See Regulation No. 3, of the 1944 Code. Evidence of membership in a Concordant Body may not be accepted as proof of good standing in a Lodge.

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1949

September 15, 1948. Temple Lodge No. 47, of Greencastle, on calling for the report of the Investigation Committee found that no member was present and the Worshipful Master immediately appointed a new committee from the brethren present who reported upon the petition and on ballot the petitioner was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry. Ruled that this was irregular as a new committee should have been appointed and asked to report at the stated meeting at least four weeks hence. Sec. 96, 98, G.R.

October 13, 1948. Whiting Lodge No. 613. One Heichelman, a citizen of Norway at the present time, was in 1925 suspended for N. P. D., and now seeks restatement. Ruled that the Lodge should not receive the same for the reason that he is no longer a citizen of the United States.

IOWA. Grand Master. 1949

Question—Submitted by J. V. Dolvin, Evening Shade Lodge No. 312, Spencer.

Facts—A resolution adopted by Evening Shade Lodge as follows—"Be it resolved that the Grand Lodge of Iowa be requested to purchase four mobile iron lungs, one to be used in each quarter of the State."

Held—-the Code does not permit the use of lodge money for other than Masonic purposes and for the Grand Lodge to do so would set a bad precedent.

Question—Submitted by W. C. Bell, Washington Lodge No. 26, Washington.

Facts—A brother received his First and Second Degrees in 1925 and failed to come forward for advancement. In 1946 he petitioned for advancement and was rejected. Question is, does his rejection for advancement keep him from attending Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft meetings?

Held—That according to "Decisions of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, No. 196" rejection on his petition for advancement does not effect his good standing. It was therefore ruled that the brother could visit E.A. and F.C. Lodges, unless charges were filed.

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1948

Bro. J. C. Glenn, secretary, Owensboro Lodge No. 130, desired an opinion on the following:

> Question: The question of whether or not a candidate may be voted upon for initiation before reaching the age of 21 years. I know, of course, he cannot be initiated before he attains the age of 21, but the Constitution says we are permitted to accept his application and appoint a Committee of Investigation, and I am of the opinion this means you may act on this application prior to his 21st birthday. I have been told that you cannot accept the application and that this was passed on at the last Grand Lodge meeting, but have no information on it. Will you therefore give me your opinion as to whether or not we may vote before he reaches the age of 21 years?

Answer: As I understand your question, it is: Can you vote on a candidates's general worthiness and qualifications before he reaches the age of 21? It is my opinion that you can receive his petition at a stated meeting, and appoint an investigating committee for inquiry into the character and qualifications of the petitioner before he is 21 years of age, but I do not understand how an investigating committee could report until the man has qualifiied by becoming 21 years of age, as under our Constitution no ballot shall be taken on a petition until said committee shall have made its report thereon.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1949

After being placed in an embarrassing position this year and fully realizing that a child should not be held responsible for the actions of his parents, I recommend to this Grand Lodge that a legally adopted child be eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry.

Approved by Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

MAINE. Grand Master. 1949

It has not appeared necessary to render any decision during the year which required a new interpretation of Masonic Law for this jurisdiction. Each question has been answered by reference to the Constitution, Standing Regulations, Textbook and previous decisions.

Many lodges have shown an active interest in money-raising methods. This interest is most commendable, and I regret that I have been unable to approve numerous suggestions which have been made. The position of this Grand Lodge regarding so called "gift enterprises," "fairs" and public entertainments to replenish the treasury or to furnish halls was firmly stated in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1883, page 510. I quote from those Proceedings: "Gift enterprises are gambling enterprises, and fairs, as generally conducted, are little better.

"Better it is that the Lodge surrender its charter than live by promoting gambling; better, also, that every member die than aid in diffusing the spirit of gambling in the community. We are aware that it may be said that some churches raise money that way. We hope not. If so, they must do as they may. We are not their judges. But a lodge must not forget that there is a God."

While times and customs have changed greatly since the foregoing pronouncement was made, I do not find that there has been any change in the position of this Grand Lodge on the subject. Indeed, I do not see how we can expect that position to be changed. It seems that it is a matter of fundamental Masonry. The present state of world affairs indicates more strongly than ever the need to cling to the sound and solid foundations on which Masonry has prospered.

The question of working a Masonic degree on Sunday was again raised. The answer, was that it could not be done.

Another lodge presented the following problem: "A brother who had received his Entered Apprentice degree was refused advancement by objection made in open lodge and sustained by proper vote." The following specific questions were raised:

> Question: How long does the objection made in open lodge to this man's advancement hold good? Six months or forever?
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> Answer: In my opinion, forever.
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> Question: Does this man have to make another application to the Lodge, or can he come to us and request further advancement? If the latter be true, should all the brethren be notified, particularly those who previously made objection?
>
> Answer: This man must make a new application.
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> Question: Is this man entitled to sit in a lodge of Entered Apprentice, he having received the Entered Apprentice degree although stopped from further advancement?

Answer: He cannot sit in a lodge of Entered Apprentice. "Objection to one who has been elected a member of a lodge, before he signs the By-laws, is equivalent to a rejection."

I have been asked to approve a circular letter addressed to the several constituent lodges requesting aid in the rebuilding of a Masonic hall, destroyed by fire. The lodge which sustained this loss has my deepest sympathy. I have, however, felt obliged to withhold approval, believing such action to be inexpedient if not improper.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

MEXICO. (York Grand Lodge). Grand Master. 1949

August 2, 1948. I issued a verbal ruling denying Toltec Lodge No. 1 permission to confer the third Degree on a candidate not named in the Notice calling their Meeting, this being contrary to Article 3, Section II of the By-Laws of the Lodge.

August 19, 1948. In consequence of a letter received from the R.W. Grand Secretary of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the procedure for reinstatement of Mr. Joe Baily Falvey, formerly a member of Tampico Lodge No. 10, in this Grand Jurisdiction and suspended N. P. D. many years ago, I instructed our Grand Secretary to communicate to him the text of Grand Master Brother Blank's ruling of August 1947, which, according to our 1948 Proceedings and confirmed by our Grand Secretary's rough notes taken at our Grand Communication, was approved at the same. This ruling read as follows:

"Brothers of whatsoever degree cannot apply for reinstatement after five years have elapsed since suspension, unless they can satisfactorily prove that they were financially unable to pay dues and that conditions beyond their control did not permit of their applying for reinstatement, in which events, duly substantiated, the period is extended to seven years."

Upon careful reflection it now appears to me that this ruling might, in certain cases, prove to be unjust as, without being called expulsion, it would have that precise effect and forever bar a man, however he redeemed himself subsequently in the world, from readmission into our Order. I therefore RECOMMEND (1) that the Ruling above quoted be held to be void and that Section 133 (Reinstatement) of the Regulations of this Grand Lodge shall henceforth apply. This Section reads as follows:

Section 133. Reinstatement. A suspended or expelled Mason desiring reinstatement must make application to the Lodge that inflicted the sentence. Said application shall be presented at a regular stated Communication and shall lie over until the next regular Communication, due notice being given to the members of the Lodge. At this Communication the Lodge shall conduct a secret ballot and if it be unanimously in favor of reinstatement, the Brother shall thereupon be restored to good standing. . . ."

May 17, 1948. I instructed the Committee on Work and Ritual to enforce the ruling of Grand Master Brother Barber, quoted on page 17 of our Proceedings for 1947 and approved at our 87th Annual Communication, to the effect that all ritualistic work in Lodges of this Jurisdiction must be given from memory and that books may therefore not be used by Officers when performing any portion of Lodges ritual.

January 31, 1949. I issued the following Rulings:

"Whereas it has come to my knowledge that it is proposed to form a Luncheon Club in the City of Mexico, restricted to members of our Order, the principal purpose of which will be the discussion of matters Masonic and whereas, whilst membership in our Fraternity naturally constitutes a friendly and social bond, it is improper for our brethren to deal with such matters outside of the walls of their own tiled Lodges, I hereby RULE that members of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico may not become members of any organization whose purpose is the open discussion of matters which should properly be dealt with in their own Lodge."

I felt that such a Ruling had become necessary because of our special local circumstances and my own views were also in accord with Grand Master Brother John Randle Moore's Address to the Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of California in 1947, where he said:

MASONIC CLUBS

In the past several years Masonic clubs have been in numerous instances irksome and a source of trouble to the Constituent Lodges and to Grand Lodge. In my travels and visitations this year I have heard and received much criticism of them, some of which is as follows:

1—They drew the attention of Masons from their Lodges and interfere with the attendance of Masons upon their Lodges or other Lodges in the vicinity.

2—In their meetings a sense of freedom from Lodge room decorum sometimes prevails, and liberties are indulged which are not consonant with the dignity of Masonry and which sometimes cast umbrage upon the great institution of Masonry.

3—Some charge and collect fees and dues and expend part thereof for purposes not authorized by the laws or rules of this Grand Lodge.

4—Some of these clubs are beholden by charter and bylaws to a national organization with headquarters outside this Jurisdiction, to which a part of the funds of the club is sent; that the national or parent organization, by its governing rules and regulations, by its bulletins and its publications, is influencing or endeavoring to influence the members of the club masonically.

5—Some of these clubs, by their solicitations and drives for membership, enlist numbers of what we call sojourning Masons; that these brethren then consider that they belong to a Masonic organization and probably partly for this reason do not concern themselves about dimitting to a regular Lodge; that this is a definite interference with the processes of Masonry."

April 2, 1948. I instructed the Grand Secretary to communicate to the Chairman of the Committee on Work and Ritual that it had come to my attention that several of our Lodges did not display the three movable Jewels when at work. As these Jewels are an essential part of the furniture of a Lodge according to our ritual, they should always be in evidence and I requested that the Committee so instruct where necessary.

MISSISSIPPI. Grand Master. 1949

Dispensation was requested by a number of Mississippi Masons in Germany for organization of a Lodge in the American zone. Held that neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge of Mississippi can legally grant a charter for a Lodge to function as such in Germany, even though it be in an American zone.

MISSOURI. Grand Master. 1949

Lockwood Lodge No. 521:

Section 106: "In reply to your inquiry of December 30, regarding installation of officers of Lockwood Lodge No. 521 by a brother who was not a Present or Past Master, I rule that Lockwood Lodge No. 521 has violated Section 106 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws and I do declare the installation of officers, held on December 27, 1948, void."

Hayti Lodge No. 571:

"In reply to your letter of April 2nd, regarding card playing in the dining hall of your lodge, will say that I see no harm in this nor do I know of a Grand Lodge By-Law whereby card playing is prohibited in a dining room of a Masonic Temple."

(Jurisprudence Committee added—"We approve Decision No. 11, with the observation that, in this instance, the card games in the lodge dining hall were to be only social card games and not played for money or any other form of gambling.")

MONTANA. Grand Master. 1949

Can a Master Mason from out of the state, who is not a Past Master, occupy the chair in the East as Master during the ceremonies? Can they fill other chairs? My reply was: It was decided in 1920 that "The Master may call any brother to the East and request him to confer any degrees upon his direction." See note page 72, Section 75, Masonic Code.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1949

Wymore Lodge 104 received a petition from a man who "is very hard of hearing and must wear a hearing aid to assist him to understand normal sounds. With the assistance of this aid he can hear normally." The lodge asked if they should receive the petition.

My answer was, "If by use of the hearing aid this petitioner is able to hear normally or substantially so, it is my ruling that he is eligible to petition for the degrees of Masonry. His case is not essentially different from that of a man who wears eye glasses to assist his eyesight."

MISCELLANEOUS

Gavel Lodge 199 at Carleton owns and occupies the second story of the building in which their Masonic Hall is located. The occupants of the premises beneath have applied for a license to sell package liquor.

Our Code says in Section 2-50, "MEETING PLACES. A lodge cannot meet . . . in a hall over a saloon . . ." I instructed the lodge to find new quarters as soon as possible and granted them permission to temporarily meet in their present hall for a period not to exceed one year.

NEVADA. Grand Master. 1949

RULINGS

August 23, 1948: To Worshipful Master Donald Simkins, of Ely Lodge No. 29—"It is entirely proper to conduct Masonic funeral services over the ashes of a Mason who was in good standing at the time of his death." I also approved minor modifications necessary in the wording of the ritualistic service to adapt it to the occasion. On October 14, 1948, I had the extreme pleasure of writing a letter of commendation to this Lodge and its Master for the manner in which the services for this deceased Brother were conducted after receiving complimentary reports on the services while in Reno on business about that time.

February 25, 1949—To Reno Lodge No 13—A request for a dispensation to reballot on a petition of a rejected candidate, after the Lodge had unanimously voted to so do on the night of the rejection, was approved. I did not, however, approve their request to hold such reballot at their next stated communication, holding the reballot must be done at a special communication of the Lodge held for that purpose by virtue of the dispensations in accordance with the provisions of Section 73 of the Code.

May 4, 1949: To Hawthorne Lodge No. 36—Hawthorne Lodge No. 36, had received a petition of a man who owns and operates a packaged liquor store in Hawthorne and has as a sideline a sporting goods store in the same building. This petitioner also owns a grocery store, under lease, and a variety store in the same city. Their question raised was, "Should the Lodge accept or reject this man's petition?" I ruled that in accordance with the provisions of General Recommendation No. 3 of the Constitution this petitioner was not eligible for the degrees of Freemasonry and directed the fee be returned to the petitioner together with the petition without prejudice to further action by the Lodge.

May 4, 1949: To the Secretary of Wadsworth Lodge No. 25—Information was requested on the eligibility for placing a petition in that Lodge by a prospective candidate who is employed as personnel and floor manager of a gambling establishment in Reno. I was advised this gentleman does not gamble, drink nor smoke. I ruled his vocation could not be considered in any other light than as a gambler and was therefore not eligible for membership under the provisions of General Regulation No. 21 and Decision 240 of the Code.

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master. 1949

Permission was refused one Lodge to open without the presence of one of the three stationed officers. This matter was discussed with the Grand Master some two weeks before and the only stationed officer in town was informed that there could be no exception, however, he decided to go on a hunting trip on the day of the regular meeting.

OREGON. Grand Master. 1949

A lodge had conferred the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees upon a petitioner and examined him in the lectures and found him proficient. Before he could receive his Master Mason degree, he suffered a severe heart attack. After partial recovery, he desired to receive his Master Mason degree, but his physicians, who were brethren of the Craft, suggested that he should not receive his Master Mason degree unless it was modified in form. The lodge requested me to modify the work. Upon consulting Jurisprudence Committee and after investigation, I was advised that a constituent lodge could not communicate or modify the work, also that the Grand Master could make a Mason at sight, and if so, the Grand Master was the only person who could modify the work. I did not desire to make a Mason at sight, but when I had occasion to be in the vicinity of the lodge where the petitioner resided, I conferred the Master Mason degree myself as Grand Master, assisted by the brethren present with only such modification as was necessary under the circumstances.

WAIVING PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Dispensations requesting waiving physical qualifications have not been numerous and have been granted only after a careful investigation to establish the petitioner's financial responsibility and the unlikelihood that he would ever become a burden upon his lodge.

December 14, 1948—Ashlar Lodge No. 209, to receive and act upon the petition of Carl Arnold Dobbler, for the reason that it is necessary for him to wear a metal hearing aid.

OTHER DISPENSATIONS

June 19, 1948—To Salem Lodge No. 4, to hold a special communication on Bald Mountain, in a natural amphitheater, four miles from Salem, on August 21, 1948, for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason degree in full regalia.

June 19, 1948—To Burns Lodge No. 97, to meet in special communication in Malheur Cave, on September 5, 1948, for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason degree.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1949

Facts: Myrtle Beach Lodge No. 353, has a candidate who has received the first and second degrees. When voted on for the third degree he received a black ball twice. One month later the same thing happened. The question is can the Master call for an oral vote.

Ruling: No, there is no provision in the Constitution or Code which will allow an oral vote on a candidate for degrees or for affiliation with any Lodge under any condition. The candidate will never forfeit his right to apply to the same Lodge at any time he wishes, but his application must be balloted on in the usual manner every time it is considered.

Facts: Richburg Lodge No. 89, has an application for a man who is deaf. He is a good man and has no other disqualifications. This man works in an office and can talk over the telephone.

Question: Is it permissible to let him use a hearing aid so that he may get the information of the different degrees?

Ruling: Yes, if he can hear well enough with a hearing aid to get the information. I see no reason why he should not take his degrees.

Question: Should or should not the Master of a Lodge descend from his pedestal to the level of his brethren for the final benediction at closing.

Answer: Yes. He should. There is no expressed law touching this particular matter and on it the ritual is also silent. However, Masonic Law is of two natures, written and unwritten law. The unwritten law consists of ancient and general usages and customs of the fraternity. It is the opinion of the Grand Master that this custom falls under such heading.

Facts: Centenary Lodge No. 312, has an application from a very worthy young man who is studying for the ministry.

Question: Can the Lodge take him in without charging the usual dues, considering him a minister?

Ruling: No. Two years ago the Grand Master ruled in the affirmative in a case like this, but the Jurisprudence Committee disapproved of the ruling and they were sustained by the Grand Lodge. (See Grand Lodge Proceedings 1947, page 89, decision 9.) The intention to become a minister does not make the petitioner a minister.

SOUTH DAKOTA. 1949

DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

One opinion not on file is my request on behalf of the Grand Lodge to withdraw the word "Masonic" from a bill introduced in the recent session of the South Dakota Legislature legalizing the use of slot machines and other mechanical gambling devices in various lodges and clubs. The correspondence pertaining to this request, which was complied with, is now on file in the Grand Secretary's office. Again I point out to you a bit of study and education along Masonic lines will ease the Grand Master's position a great deal.

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1949

Facts: A committee appointed to investigate a petitioner refuses or fails to sign a report, either favourable or unfavourable.

Question: Can the W.M. discharges such a committee and appoint another.

Decision: When a committee is appointed to investigate a petitioner it is the Masonic duty of each member to fulfill the task assigned and make written report before the next regular communication unless time is extended by the W.M. on request of the committee. Failure or refusal to report favourably or unfavourably is un-Masonic conduct and subjects any offender to charges and discipline. A W.M. may, in his discretion, excuse a Brother from serving on the Brother's request. If bias or prejudice becomes evident in a committee it should be discharged and a new committee appointed.

VICTORIA. Report of the Board of General Purposes. 1948

A Member of the Carlton Lodge, No. 19, and also Lodge Fortunatus, No. 575, has been suspended from all

Masonic rights and privileges until such time as he produces satisfactory evidence that he has resigned his membership of the Order of the Eastern Star.

VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1949

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, requested authority to confer the Master Mason's Degree upon Dr. Otto Hecht, as a courtesy for Dr. Hecht's lodge in Germany, Dr. Hecht having received the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees in Germany, I ruled as follows:

Dr. Hecht's lodge and his Grand Lodge are not in fraternal relationship with the Grand Lodge of Virginia and it is only with those Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal relationship that we can confer degrees by courtesy. My decision in the matter is that if Dr. Hecht desires to become a Master Mason under the jurisdiction of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, he would have to petition as if he were a profane and receive all three degrees in that lodge.

WEST VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1948

RULINGS

First—It is improper in this grand jurisdiction to refuse a minister the opportunity to pronounce the benediction at the conclusion of the Masonic funeral service.

Second—It is proper in this grand jurisdiction where the deceased brother is a member of a Veterans' Organization, to allow the American flag to remain on the casket during Masonic service, and further to permit a veteran to remove the flag at the conclusion of Masonic services and present it to a member of the family. A volley may be fired and taps sounded.

Third—It is improper for a Lodge in this grand jurisdiction to withhold from a Master Mason the Lambskin or white leathern apron until he has committed to memory the catechism of the third degree.

RECOMMENDATIONS

With references to the Masonic Funeral service which has been greatly simplified. I would suggest and recommend that in order to avoid confusion, the dropping of the evergreen on the grave indiscriminately by the brethren be dispensed with. The depositing of the apron, glove and evergreen by the Master is adequate and sufficient.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1949

H. petitioned "M.R." lodge for degrees. Investigation showed that H. has a cataract on left eye. H. is willing to have cataract removed by operation.

Question: Is H. eligible to petition?

Decision: A petitioner for degrees who has a cataract on left eye is not eligible for initiation. Loss of use on one eye is a disqualification for membership (see decisions listed in Blue Book, page 129). This decision is limited to case where cataract has not been removed. I am not ruling on a case where cataract has been successfully removed, and vision restored.

Mr. R. petitioned "H" Lodge for degrees. He can speak and read English but cannot write English other than his name. He can write in German.

Question: Is this man eligible to petition?

Decision: The petitioner is not eligible to be initiated and the Lodge does not have jurisdiction to receive the petition. A Lodge may not receive a petition of one who cannot write English.

A man 84 years of age desires to petition "M.H." Lodge.

> Question: Is a man 84 years of age eligible to petition for degrees?

Decision: An 84 year old man who is physically sound and mentally alert is eligible for degrees. Dotage is a feebleness of intellect arising out of age and not simply a matter of number of years.

WYOMING. Grand Master. 1949

SPECIAL DISPENSATION

July 18, 1949—To Franklin Lodge No. 31. To hold a special communication on top of what is known as "Flat Top Mountain," in the vicinity of the Green River Lakes Lodge, on Saturday, July 23, 1949. Fee of $5.00 paid.

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